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THIS WEEK'S HOSTESSES FOR DONCASTER RACES.



Lady Savile entertains the King at Rufford Abbey for the Doncaster meeting. The house-party includes the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe, Lord and Lady Cadogan, and Lord Dalmeny. (H. W. Barnett.)



Viscountess Galway, another of the Doncaster hostesses, who will have a large house-party at Serlby Hall, which will include Lord Turnour, Mr. A. Stanley, and Mr. and Mrs. Skeffington Smyth. (Langfrier.)



Lady Kathleen Pilkington, at Chevet Park, will also entertain for the St. Leger. The guests will include Lord Conyngham, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Baring, and Mr. and Mrs. Stapleton Brotherton. (Langfrier.)



Mrs. Arthur Wilson, who never fails to have a house full for the Doncaster week, has a party at Tranby Croft, the beautiful Yorkshire home of the Wilsons. (H. Walter Barnett.)

"The Illustrated London News" says—"Antipon not only speedily absorbs and throws out of the system all superabundant adipose matter, but increases strength and vitality."

Restores

Beauty of

Figure with

Renewed

Health and

Strength.

A Sheffield Trained Nurse writes—"I have used Antipon in the case of the very fattest woman I have ever nursed. The result has been marvellous. She is getting smaller and beautifully less every day; and the best of it is she is in perfect health now, where before she has had all sorts of troubles."

From all Chemists &

Price 2/6 and 4/6.

Antipon

Regd. Trade Mark

PERMANENTLY CURES OBESITY.

POPULARITY

— OF —

ANTIPON

The Great Corpulence Cure.

This wonderful remedy for the permanent cure of obesity goes everywhere and succeeds everywhere. Amongst the hundreds of unsolicited letters of thanks received by the Antipon Company there are messages of gratitude from every quarter of the globe. Could any of us, in Dr. Johnson's grandiose words, "Survey mankind from China to Peru" we should find in every country persons who have been cured permanently of corpulence and restored to health and full energy by means of the simple, harmless, and pleasant Antipon treatment. These grateful and gratifying letters are all carefully preserved for reference at the offices of the Antipon Company. From Batavia, Java, a gentleman writes:—"As to the effect of your Antipon I am glad to say that since I began to take it I am reduced 24lb." Again, a lady writes from Rome:—"I have already received great benefit from the two bottles of Antipon received," and encloses a remittance for a further supply. From a remote village in co. Meath, Ireland, a lady sends an order for Antipon marked "urgent," and adds: "The Antipon must be sent by post, as Miss C— lives very far from a railway station. It is a marvellous medicine." We could multiply such quotations from authentic letters by the hundred; we only wish, however, to show how worldwide is the reputation enjoyed by the Antipon treatment.

Antipon is a simple liquid tonic, pleasant to the palate, purely vegetable in its composition, neither laxative nor the reverse, and causing no stomachic or intestinal disturbance whatever. Anyone following the Antipon treatment can do so in the strictest privacy. Even at table there are no dietary peculiarities to call attention to the fact that a person is following any course of treatment. One's ordinary mode of living need undergo no change. Antipon, briefly, is an ideal home treatment, which possesses also the advantage of being very economical.

From 8oz. to 3lb., according to the individual case, is taken off within a day and a night of commencing the treatment. Then there is a reliable daily decrease until the weight is reduced to normal and symmetry of figure restored. The doses may then cease with the perfect assurance that the cure is lasting.

Whilst gradually eliminating all superabundant fatty matter Antipon tones up the entire system, giving renewed healthy appetite and assisting digestion and nutrition. Thus wholesome food becomes Antipon's helper and ally. Muscular tissue is redeveloped while the unwholesome fatty deposits are being absorbed. That, in a few words, is the principle of this great and

most popular remedy—to strengthen the muscular tissue whilst destroying the fatty overgrowths. The reduction is beautifully proportionate over the entire surface of the body. Antipon gives a chance to the internal organs to act freely and naturally by eliminating the dangerously degenerating masses of adipose that clog the interior. Health and strength; renewed energy, physical and mental; an elastic step and grace of movement, a pure skin and a clear, bright complexion—all these priceless blessings accrue from a comparatively short course of Antipon. Every stout person should discontinue the mistaken semi-starvation drugging methods which do much radical harm, and try a simple course of Antipon.

The "Daily Mirror" in June 24 issue says:—

A Permanent Cure for Corpulence.—Corpulence cures (or cures so-called) which purged and sweated the patient into a state of decline are of the past. A modern remedy, Antipon, is of a diametrically opposite nature, for while it is gradually absorbing the gross deposits of superfluous fat, which debilitate the system, it increases muscular strength, and helps to revitalise the nervous system. This it effects by increasing appetite and adding power to the digestive apparatus. An agreeable tonic liquid composed solely of harmless herbs, it can not hurt the most delicate person, and effects a rapid reduction from the very first, continuing steadily, without any inconvenience to the person under treatment, until normal weight and robust health and wiry energy are acquired.

"Ball's Pond-road, N."

"Having benefited so much from your Antipon, I feel it only right to send you this testimonial. I am pleased to say a few bottles have reduced me two stone, and that it is the only thing that has ever affected me, although I have tried several other (supposed) flesh-reducing medicines. I am just sending one of your advertisements to South Australia to a friend of mine who I know is putting on too much flesh."

"(Signed) M. B.—"

The "Illustrated Mail" in July 15 issue says:—

As a really efficacious permanent cure for obesity, Antipon is all that could be desired. First of all, it is unmistakably a radical cure for the disease. Secondly, it is agreeable to take, perfectly harmless, and need not be supplemented by any sort of general treatment, such as fatiguing exercises, sweating, incessant cathartics, etc. Antipon is a remedy in itself and needs no troublesome dietary or other restrictions. In fact, there need be no change from one's ordinary mode of prudent living. Antipon will do the necessary reductive work quickly and effectually, and once normal weight and size are arrived at, the doses may be abandoned without fear of a relapse. The cure is permanent. Antipon reduces weight from the very first doses (from 8oz. to 3lb. during the first day and night), and the decrease proceeds pleasantly and unobtrusively—quite magically, in fact—until the desired result is achieved. Antipon has a general tonic and invigorating effect upon the entire system, so that at the end of the cure the patient is both healthier and stronger in muscle and nerve, and feels and looks many years younger.

An Oxfordshire Surgeon writes: "I am trying it (Antipon) in a serious case of a man weighing 16 stone, short, and with heart affection. He already has lost three stone."

ANTIPON can be had of Chemists, price 2/6 & 4/6 per bottle, or should any difficulty arise, may be obtained (on sending cash remittance) post free, under private package, direct from the Sole Manufacturers—
THE ANTIPON COMPANY, 13, BUCKINGHAM ST. STRAND, LONDON, W.C.

TRAIN WRECKED IN MID-AIR.

Ten People Killed and Many
Injured on New York
"Elevated."

THRILLING SCENES.

Car Falls Among the People in a
Crowded Thoroughfare.

A terrible accident took place in New York yesterday, when a train on the elevated railway collided with a switch, and one crowded carriage was hurled into the street below, while a second was left almost suspended in mid-air.

Ten persons are known to have been killed, and twenty-five injured, but it is doubtful if these figures represent the full extent of the disaster.

The accident took place at Fifty-third-street, Ninth-avenue—a district occupied by the poorer classes, including many negroes—and at this point the railway passes over streets thronged with people and road cars, at a level of the second-floor windows of the houses.

It was an early morning train, bringing crowds to business from Harlem and the districts beyond Central Park.

After it had left Fifty-ninth-street all went well until Fifty-third-street was reached. Here the train goes round a curve into Fifty-third-street. The first car took the points all right. What exactly happened then is not very explicitly explained, but owing, it is supposed, to a mistake of judgment

This map shows how the train was derailed. The first car turned into Fifty-third-street. Then the switch moved and the second car went down the Ninth-avenue line. It was thrown into the street thirty feet below with all its occupants. The cross indicates the point at which the accident occurred.

NINTH AVENUE LINE

FIFTY THIRD ST BRANCH

on the part of a switchman, a switch which should have been left open to turn the train into Fifty-third-street, appears to have been suddenly closed.

A terrible scene ensued. The second car fell into the crowded street, the third hung over the elevated rails. Great excitement prevailed, but the wounded were attended to with great promptitude. New York is very proud of her elevated railways, ugly though they are. The New York line cost \$24,100,000, and the Manhattan Elevated slightly more.

Stations are about one-third of a mile apart. Recently the magnificent subways with electric trains have done much to damage the success of the "Elevated."

The last serious accident was on May 22, when at 133rd-street two trains collided and some of the carriages hung over the line at a height of sixty feet above the street.

CAUSE OF THE DISASTER.

Derailed by Sudden Closing of Switch Through Error of Man in Charge.

NEW YORK, Monday.—A terrible accident occurred here this morning to a south-bound train on the elevated railway at Fifty-third-street, Ninth-avenue, whereby ten persons are known to have been killed and twenty-five to thirty injured.

The train, which was crowded, encountered a switch, and one car fell into the street, overturning in its descent.

The train left Fifty-ninth-street Station at four minutes past seven this morning.

It is believed that the switch was left open to turn the train into Fifty-third-street.

The first car took the points without accident, but then the switch suddenly closed, sending the second car along the Ninth-avenue track.

This car fell into the street, while the third car was left hanging in the air. Reuter. An Exchange telegram states that the accident was due to the error of a switchman.

CONSUL'S BOLD RIDE.

Thrilling Story of the Escape of
Besieged Englishmen.

CAUCASUS HORRORS.

According to the latest telegrams partial order has been restored in Baku, but the insurrection has spread to other districts in the Caucasus.

The authorities in St. Petersburg have been active in their attempts to suppress the revolt, and have sent M. Ivanoff and M. Nordoff to inquire into the state of affairs, besides dispatching still another strong force of artillery.

Conflicts and fires have now ceased, but the position is still dangerous.

The leading firms, says Reuter, state that it will be at least a year before the works can be restarted, even if the influx of water into the wells does not stop the normal flow of oil.

The timber depots have all been burned, and the Volga will be frozen over in the course of a few weeks, so that it will be impossible to commence work before the spring.

AGITATION SPREADING.

A telegram from Tiflis states that in consequence of the agitation in the government of Kutais, General Alkhanoff has been ordered thither with a force of troops, including artillery.

It is reported that 8,000 demonstrators, with red flags, have been marching through different villages in the district of Osurgut.

Kutais is a large province in Transcaucasia. A thrilling story of bravery is told of Mr. Urquhart, the British Vice-Consul, who, with rare determination, went to the rescue of his four besieged compatriots at Balakhany, on the Baku oilfields.

They were known to be running short of food and water, and Mr. Urquhart rode out of Baku, accompanied by an escort.

The gravest fears were entertained for his own safety, as it was known that he would meet Mr. back once he started. A friend describes him as "a man of twenty-eight with the courage of a lion."

His task was to ride eight miles through the midst of thousands of armed and reckless Tartars and Armenians filled with the lust of blood and destruction.

These were the men who, in the fury of racial strife, had committed unparalleled atrocities on victims of all ages and both sexes, had charged troops in the teeth of a murderous artillery fire, and filled the streets with hundreds of dead and dying.

DRAMATIC INCIDENT.

Arriving at midnight, he called the ringleaders of the rebellion, and in stern words told them what would happen if any of his countrymen were hurt or any of their property damaged.

The Tartars laughed, and one, to emphasise his derision, spat in the Vice-Consul's face.

To have resented this in a fitting manner would have meant the sudden end of his mission, so he calmly turned his back on the insolent and wrote a message in Russian that if the Englishmen were harmed the ringleaders before him would surely die.

Then he bade them begone. They went, and not an Englishman was harmed, Mr. Urquhart bringing them back with him to the town.

MISSIONARIES' ESCAPE.

English Victims of Native Rising in German East Africa Brought to Zanzibar.

The seven English missionaries whose lives were imperilled by the native rising in German East Africa have escaped in safety.

A telegram received by the University Mission in London says that in spite of the attack on the mission station at Masasi, the missionaries reached Lindi in safety, and were taken from thence to Zanzibar by the steamer sent to their rescue.

The mission was founded by Livingstone in 1861.

GERMAN MERCENARIES IN AFRICA.

PERIM, Monday.—Natives of the Dalkali tribe report that Germans are endeavouring to engage 800 men from their country to go to German East Africa.

They further state that Italians have armed dhows and are searching for pirates in the Red Sea.—Reuter.

TWO AIRSHIPS DISAPPEAR.

NEW YORK, Monday.—An airship race took place at Los Angeles, California, yesterday between the machines of Messrs. Reynolds and Twombly.

Both airships drifted over the mountains instead of returning to the starting-point, and the race was declared a draw. It is not yet known where the airships alighted.—Central News.

ARRANGING THE ARMISTICE.

Linievitch and Oyama Exchanging
Cordial Communications.

There are rumours of further impending resignations in the Japanese Cabinet and the army and navy. The names of Generals Nogai and Nodzu are especially mentioned in this connection. It is certain that the storm of popular indignation which has now subsided in Tokio streets has not yet spent its force, and many careers may be wrecked before the Japanese nation acquiesces in the terms of the Peace of Portsmouth.

Although the hostilities between Japan and Russia have not altogether suspended, Marshal Oyama and General Linievitch have opened up negotiations for an armistice.

On both sides representatives have been appointed to settle the question of a neutral zone, and cordial letters have passed between the rival commanders.

At Tokio (says Reuter), where things are much calmer, a special meeting of the Privy Council was held yesterday for the purpose of hearing reports of Ministers on the completion of the peace negotiations and the domestic situation.

Peace negotiations appear likely to lead to some important new relations between America and both Japan and Russia.

Baron Kaneko, the Japanese Financial Agent, who lunched at Sagamore Hill on Sunday and said "good-bye" to President Roosevelt, predicted the conclusion of an economic and commercial alliance between Japan and the United States.

On the other hand, it is announced in New York that the abolition of certain import duties in the Russian retaliatory tariff against the United States has been decided upon as a mark of appreciation of President Roosevelt's services in the interests of peace.

BRITISH VESSELS CONFISCATED.

NAGASAKI, Monday.—The Tokio Court of Appeal has finally confirmed the sentence of confiscation passed by the Prize Court on the British steamers Apollo, Wyefield, and Sylvia, and the Dutch steamer Wilhelmina. The Court has also upheld the confiscation of the steamers Burma, Siam, and Dollar.—Reuter.

VICTIM OF TSARDOM.

Russian Exile Takes Poison After Years of
Fruitless Wandering.

Morphine, self-administered, has just ended at Boston, U.S.A., the life of Dr. Edward Passoff, who was driven out of Russia, after serving a severe sentence in Siberia, for his alleged connection with the revolutionists.

For nearly twenty years Dr. Passoff, formerly a prosperous physician of St. Petersburg, has wandered about Europe, often with very scanty means.

In a fit of deep depression he took a large quantity of morphine, and died in humble lodgings almost bare of furniture.

REVOLTING PICTURE.

French Official's Barbarous Act of Guilty
Revealed by the Camera.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Monday.—A horrible picture, published in the "Matin" to-day, is that of a negro at Porto Novo, who was impaled at the orders of a Government official, a naturalised French subject, and who had the abominable idea of photographing his victim.

The author of this outrage upon humanity remains unrepentant, and seems to snap his fingers at justice, as the following letter shows:—

"A truce to lamentations, my friend! You have nothing to fear on account of your executions. What do you suppose they can do to us? Would it be difficult for us to fasten the blame on the native chiefs, and punish them accordingly?"

SCIENTISTS AND MR. RHODES.

Members of the British Association, with many local visitors, made an excursion yesterday, states a Reuter's telegram, to the Matlopos, to see the grave of Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the World's View, and the Shangani Memorial.

ENGLAND AND A FRENCH ISLAND

The only share in the commercial life of Reunion, the French island in the Indian Ocean, possessed by British traders nowadays is a small importation of rice from India, says the British Consul in his report issued yesterday.

ITALY'S DISASTER.

Victims of the Earthquake Leaving
the Country in Thousands.

INDESCRIBABLE RUIN.

Many of the houses destroyed by the recent disastrous earthquake in Calabria, Italy, will not be rebuilt. The inhabitants are selling all their belongings and applying for passports to the United States.

Every hour brings fresh evidence of the terrible nature of the disaster.

The earthquake was accompanied by strange phenomena. Showers of ashes fell at Marinella. A huge wave swept the shore near Maida. Springs dried-up, and the waters of the rivers rose.

King Victor Emmanuel went to Monteleone, the centre of the district which suffered most severely, yesterday. He was received by the unhappy people with enthusiastic demonstrations of gratitude, but a terrible scene of desolation awaited him.

The greater part of the town is in ruins, and all the bodies had not been recovered.

At Palmi 300 houses collapsed, and only two churches are standing. At Santonofrio twelve persons were killed and 300 injured.

MOTHER AND CHILD KILLED TOGETHER.

At Stefanaconi all the houses have been ruined. The dead and injured are lying in the piazzas, and the scenes are heartrending. As coffins were not immediately obtainable, the corpses were buried in a common grave. A mother was found dead with her little baby, fourteen months old, still embracing her.

At Martirano a hundred bodies have already been recovered, and 2,000 people are without shelter. In many places people are sleeping in railway stations, and even in trains.

Subscriptions in aid of the sufferers are being collected from every source. In addition to the £10,000 already voted by the Government, the municipal authorities have voted £2,000, and the newspapers have opened subscriptions. The German Emperor sent a telegram of sympathy and £2,000.

It may be noted that the coming rush of emigrants from the country to the United States usually follows a great catastrophe in any country. Earthquakes have caused similar emigration from Spain and Italy in bygone years. The Russo-Japanese war and the Kischineff massacres were responsible for the flight of thousands from Russia, and the Irish famine of 1847 was followed by a great increase of emigration.

MISS CROWTHER'S SUCCESSOR.

Zoo Seeking a Gorilla Which Will Endure
Our Climate.

The departure of Miss Crowther, the gorilla, for New York was explained by the secretary of the Zoo yesterday.

The society it appears, had the option of purchasing Miss Crowther, but decided not to.

Efforts are being made by the society to secure a gorilla which is likely to live under the conditions obtaining at the Gardens.

The society has a representative in West Africa searching for a good specimen. His instructions are to retain it in captivity at the coast for a time, and get it gradually used to the conditions which prevail at the Regent's Park Gardens.

CHOLERA IN GERMAN GUARDS.

Berlin Fusilier Regiment Hastily Put Into
Quarantine.

Cholera has made its appearance in Berlin among the Fusiliers of the Guard, and the whole battalion has been quarantined.

During the last forty-eight hours, states Reuter, there have been thirty-one fresh cases in Prussia and twelve deaths from the disease. The figures are official.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

LAHORE, Monday.—Heavy rain is falling over the Panjab, but it comes too late to avert enormous damage.

It is reported, states a Central News message, that Mr. Takahira, Japanese Minister at Washington, will be appointed Minister at St. Petersburg.

NEW YORK, Monday.—Kermit Roosevelt, the son of the President, has killed a small brown bear and two wild cats during a hunting trip with Captain Seth Bullock.

Afraid that his father would chastise him for striking his sister, Alfred Chapman, who is only twelve, and lives at Oadby, Leicestershire, loked himself in the kitchen and ate vermin poison. His life was saved by an emetic.

CRYSTAL PALACE "MIRROR" DAYS. Free Entertainment for Our Readers at the End of Next Week. AN AUTUMN CARNIVAL.

The "Daily Mirror Day" at the Crystal Palace in September of last year was described as the most enterprising thing ever done by a newspaper. However that may be, it pales into insignificance when compared with the programme in course of preparation for *Daily Mirror* readers this year.

Last year, it will be remembered, nearly 200,000 persons from ten o'clock in the morning until eleven o'clock at night enjoyed a colossal programme of amusements. To add to their enjoyment they knew that they had not spent a single penny on their pleasure.

This 200,000 persons had merely bought their *Daily Mirror* as usual on the morning of September 24, and there in the top right-hand corner of the first page was a little coupon. Beneath this coupon was an instruction to cut it out and hide it with it to the Crystal Palace, where a full to overflowing day's enjoyment was awaiting the bearers.

For fivepence a party of ten revelled in pleasures which on any other day of the year cost a like number ten shillings.

Solving an Awkward Problem.

So happy were those 200,000 *Mirror* readers, and so successful was the whole day, that the *Daily Mirror* determined then and there to give a similar entertainment this year.

But when September came round again the *Daily Mirror* found itself in an awkward quandary. After the extraordinary success at the Crystal Palace last year, there was never any question as to where the "Daily Mirror Day" must be held this year. But the utmost limit for entrance to the Palace is 200,000. That was all right last year, when *Mirror* readers only numbered 210,000.

But now our readers number 351,000, and consequently there would not be room for them all, even in that gigantic Palace of Pleasure. Finally, it was decided to take the Palace for three days, viz., Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 21, 22, 23.

Spplendid Programme of Entertainments.

Thus every *Daily Mirror* reader, for the sum of one halfpenny, or rather by merely buying his paper as usual, on any one of these days can witness a Crystal Palace entertainment, still further strengthened by other attractions, without fear of crush or crowd.

Meanwhile elaborate preparations are being made to cater for our readers' enjoyment. Excellent as was the programme last year, we have determined that this year's shall be better. In addition to the day's programme, there will be a special firework exhibition given by Messrs. Brock every night.

Country readers, too, will find special railway facilities, which will enable them to partake in the *Daily Mirror's* gala days. For three whole days the *Daily Mirror* will hold high carnival at the Palace, to which we bid everyone "welcome."

All your responsibility consists in cutting out the coupon from your *Daily Mirror* on September 21, 22, or 23, in coming early to the Crystal Palace, and we will see that you have a really good day's enjoyment.

SWELLING SUBURBS.

Rapid Increase of Population in Many Districts of London.

Remarkable facts as to the rapid increase of population in London suburbs are contained in the report of the Middlesex medical officer, published yesterday. In many cases these increases are the largest on record.

Willesden heads the list with the greatest increase in the last three years. Whereas in 1901 the population was returned at 114,811, it was estimated in the middle of 1904 to have risen to 134,539.

Tottenham also shows a striking growth, the figures in 1901 being 102,541, and in 1904 (estimated) 121,279.

Other instances are: Acton, 37,744 to 52,358; Ealing, 33,031 to 43,780; Edmonton, 46,899 to 53,358; Enfield, 42,738 to 49,690; Hanwell, 10,438 to 18,000; Hornsey, 72,056 to 84,327; Norwood, 10,365 to 15,737; Southgate, 14,993 to 19,000; Twickenham, 20,591 to 26,000; and Wood Green, 34,233 to 40,930.

DUKE'S ARCTIC SPOILS.

The Duke of Orleans, on board the steam yacht *Belgica*, touched at Lowestoft yesterday en route for Ostend on his return from an exploring and shooting expedition in the Arctic regions, two live bears and a large number of fine skins being brought home.

DEARER JAM.

Scarcity of Fruit, Says an Expert, Is the Cause of an Expected Advance.

"Jam is to be dearer this year. The increase in price per pound will range from 3d. to 4d."

Thus Sir Thomas Pink, head of the famous jam manufacturers, to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday.

"It may not mean very much to the well-to-do," he went on, "but to the working classes, the chief consumers of jam, it means a great deal. So much, in fact, that in the last seven months the consumption of jam among this class has gone down twenty per cent."

"The reason of the increase is to be found in the scarcity of fruit this year. This scarcity has been especially marked in plums, black currants, strawberries, and raspberries. Consequently black currant jam is three shillings a hundredweight dearer than last year, plum two shillings dearer, raspberry one shilling dearer, and strawberry about the same."

Another well-known manufacturer, however, thought the matter rather serious, "acts as a heart stimulant, very much in the same way as alcohol does. It is often recommended by doctors as a stimulant."

"And this 3d. or 4d. increase per pound means that many of the poorer classes will have to do without their stimulant—no light matter."

PROTECTING THE CONSUMER.

Preserver Heavily Fined for Having Tons of Fruit Pulp Unfit for Food.

A full fine of £50, with a further ten guineas costs, was inflicted by Mr. Cluer, at Worship-street yesterday on Louis Lefebvre—trading as the Euxine Preserving Company—of Tottenham, for having deposited at his premises fruit pulp for the purpose of preparation as jam, the same being unsound.

Over seventeen tons of the material had been brought to the court and condemned, but Mr. Cluer would only take the summons dealing with the seizure of about 2½ tons.

The defence was that the company's works had been stopped some weeks previous to the seizure for lack of sugar, and before work was resumed, the goods would have been carefully examined.

Mr. Cluer did not accept this explanation.

FIGHTING THE DRINK FIEND.

Tenth International Congress of Temperance Societies at Budapest.

The tenth International Congress against Alcoholism, which has in former years done so much in the cause of temperance, was opened at Budapest, Hungary, yesterday.

To this congress have gone delegates from temperance societies in nearly all parts of the world.

England has sent, among others, the Hon. Mrs. Eliot Yorke, sister of Lady Battersea; Dr. J. W. Leigh, Dean of Hereford, president National Temperance League; Mr. Fielden (Toor), B.A., past-president British Temperance League; Mr. Joseph Mallins, Grand Chief Templar of England, I.O.G.T.; Mr. Charles Wakely, secretary United Kingdom Band of Hope Union; Miss Charlotte A. Gray, British member of International Temperance Committee.

As was explained to the *Daily Mirror* by Mr. J. T. Roe, secretary of the National Temperance League, the congress addresses itself to all classes and all peoples, and its object is to unite everybody and everything which aims at combating alcoholism, whether it be on the lines of moderation or of total abstinence.

CROSS-CHANNEL GREYHOUND.

Turbine Steamer To Run from Dover to Ostend in Two and a Half Hours.

That it will be possible to cross between Dover and Ostend, sixty-four miles, in only two and a half hours was proved by the first passage yesterday of the new Belgian turbine mail packet Princess Elizabeth, the fastest cross-Channel steamer afloat.

She arrived yesterday at Dover with nearly 400 passengers. The steamer is 357ft. long, with 40ft. beam, and is luxuriously fitted and decorated throughout.

She is fitted with powerful turbines and made a very fine passage across the Channel, it being shown that at full speed she could do the passage in the time named.

MR. BURGESS TRIES AGAIN.

Mr. T. W. Burgess, the Yorkshire amateur swimmer, was quite fit yesterday for his start at midnight in another attempt to swim the Channel.

ROYAL DONCASTER.

His Majesty Leaves London To Witness the St. Leger.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING.

His Majesty the King left London yesterday for Rufford Abbey, where, as has been his custom for many years past, he will stay as the guest of Lord and Lady Savile for the Doncaster races.

The great annual gathering at the well-known houses round Doncaster has seldom been more brilliant than it will be this year. Lady Savile is one of the most popular of society entertainers, and during the "Leger week" she and Lord Savile keep practically open house at their beautiful country home.

The royal presence lends added distinction to the social gathering at the other houses in the neighbourhood. As the pictures on page 1 show, many well-known houses are entertaining.

Many Distinguished Hostesses.

At Seribly Hall, the splendid seat of Lord and Lady Galway, there will be a host of distinguished guests. Lady Kathleen Pilkington has also a large house-party at Chetiv Park.

There are, besides, parties at Tranby Croft, where Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson have before now entertained the King; at Riccall Hall, at Workson Manor, and at Blythe Hall.

His Majesty will journey from Ollerston to Doncaster each day of the meeting, and although much of the interest has been taken from the St. Leger by the absence of Val d'Or, the great French horse, there should be some fine racing between the English cracks for the last classic race of the season.

KING'S CAR DELAYED.

Promptitude of Royal Chauffeur Averts Serious Collision.

The King, whilst on his way in his motor-car from Buckingham Palace to King's Cross Station, had an exciting experience in Harewood-place.

A private omnibus came quickly round the corner, and a collision was only avoided by the chauffeur pulling up the car with amazing promptitude.

The sudden application of brakes threw the machinery out of gear, but this was adjusted after a short delay, and, apparently unconcerned, his Majesty continued his journey.

Half an hour after the royal motor-car had passed an exciting accident took place near the same spot.

A frightened cab-horse dashed along Oxford-street, and crossing the line of route taken by the King collided with and damaged five vehicles before it was stopped by a collision with a Hammersmith motor-omnibus. The horse escaped with little injury.

"BUFFOONERY" BEFORE LAW.

Chicago Judge's Scathing Criticism of London Magistrates.

London magistrates do not occupy a very high place in the opinion of Judge Brand, of Chicago, who is at present in London studying our police courts.

"They strike me," he said bluntly, "as would-be comedians."

"Night after night in London I have watched the teeming crowds of men and women, the virtuous and the vicious—among them many cast-offs from France, Austria, Germany, Russia, and elsewhere."

"And I hold that neither the law nor the police is to be blamed for the wretched condition of things, but simply the ease with which London magistrates are hoodwinked."

"Your magistrates seem to think more of eliciting laughter by the jokes they make than of riding the city of wretchedness."

"Leniency and buffoonery must be replaced by strict and effective punishment."

MUST REMAIN A CATHOLIC.

Formerly M.P. for North Donegal, the late Mr. William O'Doherty, solicitor, of Londonderry, has left £4,551, the income of which is bequeathed in trust for his daughter, but in the event of her marrying a Protestant it is to go to the Bishop of Derry.

MR. SHAW NOT QUITE VOTELESS.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw is not likely to be upset by the loss of his vote in respect to 29, Fitzroy-square, as he has one in the Strand Division as occupier of a flat in Adelphi-terrace.

IS IT "BLUEBEARD"?

Dr. Witzoff Said To Have Been Deceiving Women in Manchester.

Sensation has been caused in Manchester by the discovery that Dr. George A. Witzoff, the notorious American bigamist, has for sometime past been pursuing his nefarious practices in that town.

Starting as this statement sounds, there are many people living in the Strangeways district who are prepared to swear that the photograph of Dr. Witzoff, published in the *Daily Mirror* last Thursday, is that of a man who has just left the neighbourhood.

And there is evidence which seems to show conclusively that this man has been attempting to victimise women. A lady living at Higher Broughton, Manchester, says that she has been engaged to him, and has been seeing him twice a week for some time past.

The photograph has also been identified by a Mrs. Fergusson and her three daughters. To one of these daughters, Hetty, a good-looking Jewess of twenty-three, he is said to have proposed marriage, but when he visited the house to ask Mrs. Fergusson's consent to the engagement, the mother, not liking the man, gave a curt refusal.

The dentist sent Mrs. Fergusson many presents, and made similar offerings to the daughter, but when he proffered an engagement ring, Mrs. Fergusson refused to allow the girl to accept it.

Last week these ladies were surprised to receive a visit from two Liverpool ladies, who stated that the man was about to become betrothed to a young orphan Jewess in Liverpool, who was to bring him a dowry of £500.

The mysterious dentist removed his belongings and abandoned his practice suddenly on Saturday.

COOKERY SCHOLARSHIPS

For Domestic Servants Who Aspire to the Higher Ranks Below Stairs.

Fewer applications than were expected have been received by the London County Council in regard to their seventeen scholarships in cookery, for which the annual examination will commence to-morrow at Shore-ditch.

The scholarships will consist of a course of twelve weeks' household cookery at the National School of Cooking, in Buckingham Palace-road.

Competitors must have been in some sort of domestic service for not less than one year previous to September, 1905, and they must be between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five.

INDIGNANT ARTISTS.

Liverpool Exhibition Boycotted by the Society of British Sculptors.

Through an unfortunate dispute with the Society of British Sculptors, the Liverpool War Art Exhibition, opened yesterday, was deprived of half its interest.

The society has carried out its threat to boycott the exhibition if adequate accommodation for sculpture was not provided.

The Civic Fathers ascribe the deadlock to the too precipitate action of the artists.

Among the paintings at the exhibition are works by Solomon J. Solomon, R.A., Annesley Brown, R.A., Luke Fildes, R.A., and John A. Sargent, R.A.

THREATENED COAL STRIKE.

Ten Thousand London Coal-Porters May Throw Up Work To-day.

An extensive coal strike is threatened in London. Stoppage of work, it is said, will be the inevitable result of the notification of the Coal Merchants' Association to the Coal Porters' Union that a reduction of wages is to be made.

Naturally this action has been promptly denounced by the porters, who met, a thousand strong, at Ashburton Grove depôts, yesterday.

To-day a final mass meeting of all coal-workers in the metropolis is to be held at the Club and Institute Rooms at Clerkenwell, when the delegates will make the managers hear them.

Over 10,000 are affected by the proposed reduction.

32-MILE-AN-HOUR OMNIBUS.

Ten miles an hour being the maximum speed allowed by law for heavy vehicles, the driver of the "Vanguard" motor-omnibus running between Brighton and London was yesterday fined £10 and costs, for exceeding the legal rate, the speed alleged being thirty-two miles an hour.

BRITISH-GROWN COTTON.

Cotton grown in West Africa under the auspices of the British Cotton-Growing Association is arriving now by every steamer, over 3,000 bales having already been received this season.

EXPLOSION ON THE UNDERGROUND.

Passengers in an Electric Train
Alarmed, but Unhurt.

TRAFFIC INTERRUPTED.

Two accidents occurred within an hour on the Metropolitan Railway yesterday.

Just before eight o'clock in the morning passengers in an electric train entering the Monument Station were startled by the roar of a loud explosion. There was great alarm among them, and several of the lady passengers screamed hysterically.

As the train drew up at the platform dense clouds of smoke and dust were seen, and it was then discovered that a barrier at the bottom of the stairs on the up-platform to the Mansion House had been blown down and the bridge above injured.

Panic-Stricken Passengers.

It was explained that the explosion had been caused by a workman who had been looking for an escape of gas with a light.

No one had been injured, as the platform is not open for traffic until eight o'clock, but had the accident occurred a few minutes later the consequences might have been more serious.

Many of the passengers by the incoming train were so alarmed that, instead of continuing their journey, they rushed out from the station into the street.

An hour before this explosion occurred there was another accident at Baker-street Station, which disorganised the whole of the traffic to the City for over three hours.

A trailer leading an electric train on the up-line ran off the rails, and it was some time before the breakdown gang could replace it. Passengers had to change at Edgware-road, and beyond this point no tickets for the City were issued. The West Hampstead and Aylesbury line, as well as other branches, were also affected.

Rush for Omnibuses.

The trains were held up, and passengers, already very belated, made a hurried rush for the omnibuses.

Interviewed yesterday as to the possible dangers from fire in case of such accidents as that at the Monument, Mr. Chapman, the chief engineer of the Underground Electric Railway Company, said:

"We feel pretty safe on the question of fire. We have spent a good deal of money lately on making the woodwork of our District cars non-inflammable."

All the cars are lined with what is known as the "non-flammable electric casing." This wood has been chemically treated, so that it will not spread flame, but merely carbonise at the point of contact with fire.

THE WRONG BOTTLE.

Woman Pours Spirits of Salts Over Bacon in
Mistake for Sauce.

Hydrochloric acid, of which the common name is spirits of salts, said the St. Pancras coroner yesterday, should be placed upon the schedule of poisons that can be sold by chemists only.

Since carbolic acid had been brought within the schedule the number of deaths had largely decreased, continued the coroner apropos of the death of Mrs. Francis Genn, who was poisoned as the result of eating bacon over which she had poured spirits of salts in mistake for sauce.

The poison was kept in a cupboard in a bottle similar to the one containing sauce.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned, the coroner pointing out that the registrar-general's returns showed that 932 deaths from poisoning occurred, 401 being cases of accident.

EARLY MORNING LOITERER.

Suspected Man in the Street Tracked by
Amateur Detective to His Own Abode.

A resident in Rothschild-road, Acton Green, early yesterday morning happened, in looking out of his window, to see a man loitering near the place.

Seeing the stranger climb a fence, he hurriedly dressed, enlisted the services of a passing tram-driver, and, with him, followed the man through the premises of Rothschild Schools.

They ultimately found the stranger in the garden of the resident who first saw him, and they handed him over to the police.

The man was remanded at Chiswick yesterday.

"What did you take those apples for?" asked the Enfield magistrate of a boy yesterday, receiving the prompt reply, "To eat, sir." The fine was 2s. 6d.

A FAMOUS CHARLATAN.

Fraudulent "Spirit Message" Case Re-
called by Death of Dr. Slade.

By the death in a sanatorium in Michigan, of Dr. Henry Slade, who was prosecuted in London as a spiritualist twenty-nine years ago, a famous "spook" swindle is recalled.

Slade came to London from America in 1876, and introduced a new marvel, the production of spirit messages from deceased friends by writing on a slate.

His method was to put his slate under a table, afterwards producing it with a "spirit message" written with a pencil, for which visitors paid £1.

Professor Ray Lankester and Dr. H. Donkin saw through the fraud, and instituted a prosecution, in which Mr. J. Nevil Maskelyne was one of the leading witnesses.

Slade sought to escape from the police by getting out of a window and climbing down a rain-water pipe, but he did not succeed.

All his paraphernalia were produced in court at Bow-street, where Mr. Maskelyne showed how the spirit writings were produced by means of a piece of pencil held under the finger-nail.

Mr. Sergeant Cox, the famous lawyer, and many other well-known people, were deceived by the trick.

Slade was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, but, on appeal, the Judges disagreeing, the conviction was quashed. He at once returned to America.

BANK BOOK AS GUARANTEE.

Prosecution Under New System of Immediate
Withdrawals at Post Offices.

An important prosecution was instituted at Bow-street yesterday by the Postmaster-General against Ellen Young, a middle-aged servant, of Fulham.

Some time ago the postal authorities introduced a new regulation whereby depositors of the Post Office Savings Bank could withdraw on demand any sum up to £1 by producing their deposit-book at any post office.

On August 2, said the witness, Young opened an account with three shillings, and deposited another three shillings a week or two later. Afterwards she produced her book and was given ten shillings. The allegation is that she had made the second entry into thirteen shillings.

The accused, who looked very ill, and denied the charge, was remanded.

MOTOR CHASES HANSOM.

Fugitives Fail to Elude an Up-to-Date and
Alert Detective.

Learning that a clerk in Bolton had absconded with £45 and might be expected in Preston, a local detective yesterday morning remembered having seen two men and a woman driving past in a hansom, one of the men answering to the clerk's description.

Pursuing a motor-car the detective overtook the hansom at Freckleton, near Lytham, and on his making the charge of theft one of the men became indignant.

However, he was placed in the motor-car, and later on was identified as William Woods, the missing clerk.

Meanwhile his companions, who had been ordered to follow in the cab, took advantage of a bend in the road to drive in another direction.

Again going in pursuit the detective arrested Charles Rosken and Mary Green, the fugitives, and brought them back to Preston, where all three were charged with robbery.

MEANEST OF FRAUDS.

Awaiting Trial for Highway Robbery, Two
Men Are Sentenced as Bogus Collectors.

As a sequel to the highway robberies that recently alarmed the inhabitants of the country between Whitby and Scarborough, the two men involved, who are awaiting trial at York Assizes, were yesterday further charged with fraud at Scarborough.

When arrested on the charge of being concerned in the robberies, books and rubber stamps were found in their possession, showing that they had been fraudulently making collections, pretending that they were acting on behalf of the miners who were thrown out of work by the recent fire at Cottonwood Colliery, near Barnsley.

It appears they had collected large sums in Scarborough. The prisoners, whose names are Brown and Mowbray, were each sent to prison for three months.

THREW AWAY A £5 NOTE.

Having thrown away a £5 note while scattering coppers amongst a crowd at a wedding in Newcastle, Henry Winstane yesterday prosecuted an old woman who had picked it up.

But the magistrate dismissed the case, saying that if he were fool enough to throw handfuls of money away he must take the consequences.

NATION'S LUNATICS.

About the Average Increase Last
Year in England and Wales.

MILLIONS FOR MADNESS.

Within its 600 pages the fifty-ninth annual report of the Commissioners in Lunacy gives the dread record of the nation's madness.

The total number of lunatics in England and Wales is 119,829, divided as under:—

Private.	Pauper.	Criminal.
9,640	109,377	912

This is an increase of 2,630 on the statistics for 1904, the previous increase being 3,235 for 1903, 3,231 for 1902, and 2,769 for 1901.

Of the total number under restraint 64,660 are females and 55,169 are males.

The majority of women over men is accounted for by the more general prevalence of melancholia amongst the former.

Fluctuations of Madness.

The following table will show the most notable instances of increase and decrease in England:—

County of London (increase)	607
Kent (increase)	182
Essex (increase)	131
Northumberland (decrease)	187

As the causes of insanity, drink accounted for 3,420 in the last five years (most of them from Northumberland, Glamorgan, and Lancashire); religious excitement 328, and love affairs, 283.

After this kind the largest number of cases was 1,302 attributed to domestic trouble. These instances, of course, exclude heredity and old age, which account for far and away the greatest number of cases.

One of the most striking and pitiful features of the returns is the statement that 189 clergymen and ministers were driven mad through starvation.

The ratio of insane per 1,000 was highest in Hereford (5.13), Radnor (4.98), and Wilts (4.10).

Taking some of the principal towns the figures were:—

Birmingham	1082	Birkenhead	413
Brighton	653	Derby	203
Bristol	1529	Leeds	379
Kingston	357		

The most fortunate towns are:—

Ripon	4	Rugby	1
Salford	3	Sanbury	1
Peterborough	3	Leobury	1

Cost of Insanity.

The cost to the ratepayers for the maintenance of lunatics, exclusive of repairs, additions, and alterations to asylums, is 10s. 6d. per head per week, or over three millions per annum for the total number.

In the last five years 19,500 married persons were admitted to the asylums. Of these 10,019 were women.

Death was caused in asylums by tuberculosis (1,442), heart trouble (901), and cancer (246).

In the West Ham Asylum there is a woman aged 100 years, and an inmate of Hampshire County Asylum is ninety-nine.

Explanatory maps are to be found on page 11.

BOOK-LOVER'S OPPORTUNITY.

The First Ten Volumes of "The Harmsworth
Library" Will Be Ready To-morrow.

The man or woman who wishes to form a library of the world's best books, or to add to his present collection, has now an opportunity which may never occur again. The publication of "The Harmsworth Library"—the first ten volumes of which will be on sale to-morrow—places the world's greatest books within the reach of the humblest means.

At the low price of 1s. each will be published a series of volumes which have never before been produced on such a scale of excellence at anything like the price. Printed in large, clear type upon specially prepared paper of high quality, and handsomely bound in art linen, these volumes are emphatically books to keep, and are as ornamental in appearance as they are interesting and valuable in their contents. They can only be sold at 1s. in view of the enormous demand that is anticipated for the first ten volumes of "The Harmsworth Library."

The first ten volumes of "The Harmsworth Library" consist of the following famous works:—Thackeray's "Vanity Fair," Southey's "Life of Nelson," "Tom Brown's School-days," Charlotte Brontë's "Jane Eyre," Kingsley's "Westward Ho!" Charles Lamb's complete "Essays of Elia," Sir Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe," Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," Darwin's "Voyage of H.M.S. Beagle," and Mrs. Henry Wood's "East Lynne."

"The Harmsworth Library" will be on sale at all booksellers and newsagents, but owing to the huge demand already expressed for it, intending purchasers should place their order at once.

Charged at Greenwich yesterday with being drunk and disorderly, Edward Morris exclaimed: "I've been sober for six months." He had been in prison for the last six months, and was sentenced to a month's hard labour.

MISS CORELLI ABUSED.

Condemned in the Pulpit for "Scurrility"
by a Roman Catholic Preacher.

Dr. Poock, of Manchester, appeared in the pulpit of St. Augustine's, Preston, on Sunday night armed with a miscellaneous collection of novels and novelties.

Speaking of indiscriminate reading, he said that he once found a girl reading a book by Marie Corelli, "That Dear Soul," and he wondered where that girl's intellect was.

It certainly did not lie behind her eyes, for the book contained the grossest insults against the Catholic Church and priesthood.

He quoted Marie Corelli's description of a "priest" with beetling brows, sensual, cruel mouth and expression, hypocritically humble, yet sly.

"Brethren," exclaimed the preacher, "whether Catholics or Protestants, you know your clergy, how they live, and what sort of faces they have got."

He pitied the girl reading the book, for she had not intelligence to see its scurrility in representing a priest like that.

Father Poock also attacked Mr. Blatchford's works.

FLY-CATCHER'S PROFITS.

Voter Claims To Have Made £5 a Week
Through Summer Pests.

A reminder of the plague of flies in Lancashire during the summer was heard at the Blackburn Revision Court yesterday.

Asked how he made his living, an applicant replied: I have made £5 a week the last two months selling fly-catchers."

Revising Barrister: What have you done with it? Applicant: Saved £30, and it's at home.

Barrister: Then bank it, or some of your neighbours will be dropping in and your money dropping out.

RETICENT ALDERMAN.

Extraordinary Story of Duplicitry Unfolded at
the Mansion House.

"It is no part of my duty to comment upon this terrible tragedy. It is impossible for a jury to convict. I must therefore discharge the prisoner," said Sir George Faudel Phillips, at the Mansion House yesterday, when Paul Dacher was brought up before him on a charge of stealing a quantity of jewellery.

Dacher, who is a well-dressed Frenchman, it was stated, persuaded the young wife of Mr. Herrod, of Earlstown, Lancashire, to elope with him to London.

After he had abandoned her, taking all her jewels, it was alleged, she returned to her home and committed suicide.

It was also stated that, when arrested in Liverpool, Dacher was about to meet a young girl whom he had persuaded to leave home, bringing the whole of her jewellery with her.

"I can only regard this case from the legal aspect," said Sir George Faudel Phillips, in discharging the prisoner. "The principal witness is dead."

AIRING A GRIEVANCE.

Ex-Soldier Relieves Himself by Attacking
Relieving Office and Officer.

There are ways and ways of airing grievances. That of John Keeffe, an elderly man, who made a very informal call on Mr. Harold Slight, relieving officer under the Kensington Guardians, is not one to be recommended.

He went to the relief office, smashed a lodge window, and dealt Slight a blow on the chin.

Keeffe's only excuse to the West London magistrate yesterday was that he had a grievance. He had served his country in the Army for twenty-one years, and it was disgraceful that he should be driven to the workhouse.

Mr. Lane: Yes, but the fact of your having served your country does not relieve you of your duty to the individual. This gentleman has done you no harm. Twenty-one days.

LORD DUNEDONALD PROTESTS.

In a letter to the "Freeman's Journal," protesting against the statement that he was recalled from Canada because of a "Jingo" speech, Lord Dunedonald says that for years he has been an opponent of militarism, and has devoted himself to finding some method by which a nation could adequately defend itself with the least burden of military service.

ROMANCE OF THE ARCTIC.

Girl Waits Two Years for the Lover
Lost in the Frozen North.

CONSTANCY REWARDED.

America is astir with the romance of Anthony Fiala, the intrepid Arctic explorer, who has just returned from the frozen North after an absence of two years and a silence of over eighteen months.

Fiala's story of adventure and romance might well have emanated from the fertile imagination of Jules Verne, and again has the saying that "truth is stranger than fiction" vindicated itself.

In 1897 Anthony Fiala, then aged twenty-seven, first visited the town of Nashville, in Tennessee, and there made the acquaintance of Miss Claire Puryear, a schoolmistress, with whom he fell in love.

At that time he was a trooper in Brooklyn. He proposed to Miss Puryear, and was rejected, but, refusing to take "No" for an answer, he repeated his offer again and again, only to meet with the same reply.

Finally, in 1901, he wrote and informed Miss Puryear that he was off to the North Pole with Mr. Ziegler's first expedition. This expedition achieved little or nothing, owing to the lack of unanimity amongst its members, and returned to America in 1903.

When Mr. Ziegler selected the men for his second expedition in 1903, notwithstanding the good work done by Fiala on the first expedition, he appointed him commander of the America, though the ex-trooper was then but thirty-three years of age.

It was when Fiala set sail from New York, in May, 1903, that the most romantic incident of his career occurred.

ROMANCE OF HIS LIFE.

Waiting to see him off was Miss Claire Puryear, and, as she bade him farewell, she promised to marry him on his return. The expedition sailed, and for two years the beautiful schoolmistress heard nothing of her lover.

On June 23, 1903, the America and her crew of thirty-eight left Norway for Franz Josef Land. Then, save for a message brought by a whaling vessel, in October, 1903, to say that the expedition had failed to make Franz Josef Land, but would make the attempt again in the following spring, not a word was heard until a cable came on August 11, 1905, stating that Fiala and his crew were safe. And still Miss Puryear never wavered in her belief that Anthony Fiala would return to her.

In the meanwhile, however, Mr. Ziegler grew anxious and sent out three expeditions to find the bold explorer. The first two came back bringing no news of him, and four months ago the third, under Mr. Champ, Mr. Ziegler's secretary, reported that he had found Fiala safe and well with all his crew save one, who had died from natural causes. But the explorers had had a grim experience. The winter of 1903-4 had proved very disastrous, for their ship, the America, was smashed up like matchwood by the grinding ice, and was utterly lost in a terrific storm in January, 1904.

TERRORS OF THE ARCTIC.

In nowise daunted, Fiala saved fifty tons of provisions and 100 tons of coal, and proceeded over the ice-fields in search of the Pole. But it was impossible to get northward owing to the impassable nature of the ice and vast stretches of open water. Finally, owing to the provisions running short, they were compelled to turn south, killing walrus and bears to add to their slender store.

The autumn of 1904 had come, and still there were no signs of a relief party. So the men of the expedition had to wait for the following spring. Americans feared the worst, but still Miss Puryear insisted that her lover would return.

Then Mr. Ziegler's third relief expedition, after encountering tremendous difficulties, discovered the advance guard of the Fiala expedition on July 29 of this year.

Terrible had been the experiences of the expedition, but Fiala and his comrades save one are safe and sound.

Miss Puryear's faith was justified, and Fiala, the man of unswerving purpose, will marry her during the coming winter.

"THE USUAL QUARRELS."

Asked at an inquest at Romford yesterday if he had ill-treated his wife, a witness replied, "No, we only had the usual quarrels of married people."

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

The late Sir Henry Tate's bust by Mr. Brock, R.A., will be taken to Brixton to-day for erection in the public garden opposite the free library.

Mr. Moses Chiu, a Chinese convert, is holding services at Sheffield preparatory to going out as a Christian missionary to his native land.

On a charge of stealing a flock of twenty-nine sheep, George Graham, of Finningley, Nottingham, will be brought up at Doncaster to-morrow.

During the week-end seventy-two sermons were preached by Welsh Congregationalists of Liverpool, Birkenhead, and Liscard at the great annual preaching "cymmanfa."

So successful has been the motor-train service on the Sheppey branch of the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, that six new trains are being constructed at the Ashford works.

All cyclists will be welcomed at St. Michael's Church, Folkestone, next Sunday, on the occasion of the seventeenth annual Cyclists' Church Parade in aid of the Folkestone Hospital.

Attempting to pass an electric tramcar in Kennington Park-road yesterday morning, a cyclist was caught between the vehicle and a tramcar going in the opposite direction and badly injured.

Sunday street trading in Bethnal Green must cease at half-past twelve in the afternoon after this month. In the East End clothing shops of all kinds, as well as provision shops, remain open all Sunday.

Mr. Chamberlain is expected to return to England in about three weeks' time. He has promised to speak at Bristol in November at a meeting of more than a thousand delegates at the conference of the Liberal Unionist Association.

Tradesmen of Hove, Brighton, have memorialised the town council as to "the great injury done to their business by the continual wilful and excessive speed of motor-omnibuses." The petitioners allege that the dust and noise are a source of danger and annoyance to their customers.

In Moses Mirsky, a boy of nine, the Jewish community of Newcastle, it is said, possesses a marvellous vocalist. Large and enthusiastic audiences have assembled during the last few days to hear this prodigy, who arrived from Russia a few months ago.

To generate the current for tramcars to run between Wandsworth, Westminster, and the Borough, the Works Department of the London County Council has commenced building electric substations at East-hill and Jews-row, Wandsworth.

The "record" for cargo steamers from New York to Hong Kong has just been broken by the Liverpool liner Sutton Hall, which only took forty-eight days. Taking many stoppages at ports into account, the average day's run was 250 miles.

To a young woman who applied yesterday for advice respecting an abusive letter someone had sent her, the Lambeth magistrate replied: "Don't you know that a wise person puts them into the wastepaper basket?"

Princess Christian and Princess Victoria arrived at Bath yesterday by motor-car, and inspected the baths, the Roman remains, and the abbey. They subsequently proceeded to Chipstow, Monmouth.

In recognition of his services to East London in connection with the passing of the Aliens Act, Mr. S. Forde Ridley, M.P., is to be entertained at the Great Eastern Hotel early in October.

JAPANESE GENERALS TO RETIRE.



General Nodzu, in command of the Third Japanese Army.



General Nogri, in command of the forces which captured Port Arthur.

At its next meeting Deptford Borough Council will be asked to ratify an arrangement with the Reform Club, of New York, by which the council will exchange municipal reports and other publications for similar matter relating to American cities.

Of 2,014 Battersea unemployed who entered themselves on the register during the past six months work was found for only 198. While the numbers on the register are in excess of previous years, those who found work were fewer.

"Please wire me £2; I have lost my purse," ran a forged telegram bearing the name of Alfred Shrubbs, the famous runner, sent to a friend of his at Hayward's Heath, Sussex. The money was sent, and the police are dealing with the matter.

Mrs. Franks, the victim of the shooting affray in Ludgate-circus, was stated at the hospital yesterday to be recovering, and it is thought she will be able to attend at the Mansion House on Thursday at the hearing of the case.

"Boardite" is a new article recently introduced for railway carriage-wheel centres. It has two and a half times the strength of teak, and is not affected by fire or water. Its trial on the Great Western has been completely satisfactory.

Mrs. Jones, who first announced the appearance of the famous "Egryn Lights," has been presented by the congregation of Egryn Chapel, Wales, with a set of silver ornaments.

Wharves at Turnchapel, Plymouth, will be converted by the Admiralty into a storage depot for oil-fuel. Oil stores will be established at all home ports in the near future.

Lord Hugh Cecil will give an address on October 13 at the opening of the "Glasgow Parliament," a political debating society.

The new battleship Hindstan, 16,350 tons, left Portsmouth yesterday for Gibraltar to join the Atlantic Fleet.

Manchester telephone subscribers will from to-day be able to communicate direct with many towns in France and Belgium.

Woolwich Borough Council will consider at the next meeting a recommendation to spend £4,000 on improvement works to be undertaken for the benefit of the unemployed.

For an international conference on solar research, to commence at Oxford on September 27, the Warden and Fellows of New College have sent out many invitations to foreign men of science.

All-night meetings for prayer and the singing of hymns at the Baptist Tabernacle, Redhill, Surrey, having disturbed residents in the vicinity, a vigorous protest was signed yesterday by many tradesmen and others.

Two men charged with travelling on the Maryport and Cheshire Railway without tickets could not be tried because the six magistrates on the Bench yesterday were all shareholders in the railway company.

Mr. H. Chesterman, of Bath, has invented a water-finding instrument by which platinum wires in contact with the surface of the ground instantly signal the presence of water, at the same time recording the approximate depth at which it will be found.

Panic arising from a mischievous cry of "Fire" at a Torrey-Alexander mission meeting at Sheffield was quelled by Mr. Alexander calling on the choir to sing the "Glory Song." There was a smart response, and the effect on the audience was magical.

CRIPPLED PILGRIMS.

Maim, Halt, and Blind Leave Charing Cross To-day for Lourdes.

HOPING FOR MIRACLES.

The lame, the halt, and the blind will gather at Charing Cross this morning under the blue and gold flag of the Catholic Association.

They are assembling for the annual pilgrimage of English Roman Catholics to the famous shrine at Lourdes.

Among the pilgrims, who have come to London from all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, are many lifelong sufferers, who will be taken care of on the long journey by the more fortunate pilgrims.

One lady, who has been a cripple from birth, will be lifted into the railway carriage in an invalid chair. She expects to walk with the rest of the pilgrims upon her return from the wonderful shrine. Two other patients are almost totally blind from cataracts.

It was admitted yesterday at the offices of the association that, in spite of the marvellous cures which are said to be performed every day at Lourdes, a miracle had never been wrought upon an English pilgrim.

This is the fifth journey which the English Catholics have made into France, and Father James O'Reilly and other leaders of the pilgrimage are hopeful that this time many of their patients will come cured.

The cost of the journey for the 100 pilgrims will be about £2,000. The expenses of the poorer sufferers will be borne by the rich pilgrims.

INVESTORS WAKING UP.

Improving Trade Conditions Lead to Increasing Stock Exchange Business.

CAPEL COURT, Monday Evening.—Stock markets had numerous interesting features. Undoubtedly public investment business is growing. Markets are quite animated, despite the fact that to-morrow is the general carry-over day. At first Consols and gilt-edged stocks were depressed on the rise in the Berlin bank rate and the announcement as to the big new Irish loan requirements within the next year. But there was a remarkable change for the better at the finish, even in the gilt-edged group. The good allotment of Treasury bills helped. Consols closed at 90, after being worse.

Undoubtedly the improving trade conditions are causing more attention to be paid to Home Rails, and there is confident investment buying in the stocks of all the leading trade lines. This looks like continuing. There was a satisfactory Brighton traffic. American Rails, however, were checked by Berlin bank rate announcements, and fears as to money stringency in New York. New York is inquiring for gold in London.

A remarkable market was the Kaffir, and especially the Rhodesian section. Here things were kept at the top notch until the finish. The Street market after hours was crowded and prolonged, with noise quite reminiscent of the old Kaffir "boom." There was loud bidding all day for Bankets, which touched 5 in the Street, for Charterred, Scottish Mashonaland, the Rhodesian copper section, Rhodesian Explorations, and Lomangundas; and, in fact, all things Rhodesian.

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THE FOLLY OF AUTOCRACY.

"WHAT does it all mean?" people are asking one another. The outbreak of battle, murder, and sudden death in that most southerly part of Russia which is called the Caucasus is a puzzle to them. They are getting used to disturbances among the Russians themselves, but this one is complicated by the fact that Tartars and Armenians are mixed up in it. "Who are they and why are they fighting one another?" is what everybody wants to know.

Well, the Tartars are Mahomedan subjects of Russia, and the Armenians are Christian subjects of Russia, and the chief reason why they are fighting is the reason which always makes ignorant Mahomedans ready to massacre Christians if they get a chance: religious fanaticism.

If the Caucasus had been intelligently governed, the two races would have gone on living together, as they did until a few years ago, peaceably enough. But the Caucasus is not intelligently governed. A little man in a big palace hundreds of miles away pretends to govern it, as he pretends to govern the rest of the Russian Empire.

This Empire covers one-SIXTH OF THE WHOLE SURFACE OF THE GLOBE. It is over eight million square miles in extent. It is inhabited by 140 millions of people. The little man in the big palace imagines that he is capable with his one brain of governing all these people, of deciding what is best for them, of making them happy and comfortable and contented.

Nothing that has happened in the Far East has shaken this extraordinary delusion from which the Tsar suffers. It was directly due to him that the Russian armies had to go and fight in Manchuria. It was directly due to him that they were so badly beaten over and over again by the Japanese. It was directly due to him also that the Russian fleets were destroyed.

"Oh, no," you say, "the Tsar cannot be held personally responsible for all these disasters; that is unfair." But, mark you, the Tsar claims to be personally responsible for them. He declares that the "sacred principle of autocracy," which means one-man rule, gives him the right to do exactly as he pleases. He asserts that he alone is responsible for the government of this vast Empire. He will not allow that anyone has a right to share his power or his responsibility.

In countries like Britain, which have constitutional government, Sovereigns are not personally responsible for anything. The whole nation is responsible. It elects a Parliament, and from the majority in that Parliament Ministers are chosen to carry on public business and direct public policy—i.e., to govern. Thus, if Ministers govern badly, the fault is the fault of the nation as a whole for letting them govern.

Russia has no constitution. The people of Russia cannot be blamed for anything that happens (unless you blame them for putting up with the Tsar's pretence so long). Nor can the officials be held responsible, for, according to the Tsar, they are merely carrying out his orders.

Therefore, it is also his fault that Armenians and Tartars are so busy cutting each other's throats in the Caucasus. As the deaths of 100,000 men in Manchuria lie at his door, so do the deaths of the many thousands who have perished during the last week in civil war. Under a sensible system of government they would not have died. He will not allow a sensible system of Government to come anywhere near him.

How these disasters, which are falling upon Russia, demonstrate the pitiful absurdity of the notion that a little man in a big palace can rule successfully over 140 millions of people, spread over eight million square miles!

B. R.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Not to attempt a gallant deed for which one has the impulse may be braver than the doing of it.—
J. M. Barrie.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THE house-parties at Doncaster and in the country round this week are very numerous, and though matters will be rather quiet in the Dukeries, since there are no parties at Clumber or Welbeck, various other big places will be filled with guests. Lord and Lady Galway will have the youngest member of Parliament, Lord Turnour, staying with them at Serlby Hall, and also their son, Mr. George Monckton, who is in the 1st Life Guards, Captain and Mrs. Skeffington Smyth—the latter a daughter of the house—and one or two others.

Lady Galway is one of the best known of all the Doncaster hostesses, and she has several times entertained royalty at Serlby. It may be remembered that the house was very nearly burnt down at the beginning of this year. A lamp exploded in one of the servants' rooms downstairs. In a moment the whole place was in a blaze, but fortunately Serlby is well supplied with water from the lake in the grounds, which was connected by a hose with the basement. In time the fire was got under by the incessant efforts of butlers,

to be lieutenant for his conspicuous bravery during the action.

In Doncaster itself Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Beckett will have two or three friends staying with them, but their house is very small, and they cannot put up many people. There will be no party at Osberton Hall this year, as Mr. Foljambe does not feel inclined for entertaining now. Lady Ada Maitland, who is a daughter of Lord Lauderdale, Sir Ralph Wilmot, and several others will be installed at Grove Hall, Retford. At Chevet Park Sir Thomas and Lady Kathleen Pilkington will have several friends staying with them, including Lord Conyngham, who is now in the Irish Guards, and who, it may be remembered, was one of the King's pages at the Coronation. Then there is Captain Vaughan, who is always called "Napoleon," owing to the fact that he is the godson of the Empress Eugénie. Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Baring and a few other friends are also at Chevet Park.

Lord Moore, whose coming of age was recently celebrated in Ireland, is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, at Riccall Hall, and Sir Herbert Stephen is also there. Sir Ernest Paget is at Workop

afternoon which he spent with Mr. Balfour of the Earl's Court Estate. They took it all with the enthusiasm of youth. They went down the water-chute hand in hand, and screamed with laughter when they got drenched. It was an astounding sight, and the very moment for a cartoonist—Mr. Balfour and Mr. Asquith hurtling down a steep slide into a pond!

Yet another elder son is coming forward for parliamentary honours in the person of Lord Wodehouse, who is the son of Lord and Lady Kimberley. It may be remembered he celebrated his coming of age last year, and is practically the same age as Lord Turnour.

We are asked to announce, and we do so with the greatest pleasure, that only one novel by Miss Marie Corelli will be published next year.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

THE PRICE OF FUR.

I was much interested in your pithy article on East and West End life. How the poor must long for a fulfilment of that prophecy: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

The rich get the best in this life and anticipate a good time in the "golden city." The judgment referred to in your article does not trouble them.

By the way, how profitable it would be to your numerous readers if you allowed the following to be discussed:—

Will the punishment of the wicked be eternal torment in hell fire? or is the statement true, "The wages of sin is death"?

FRED E. WILLIAMS.

Lisburn-road, Aigburth, Liverpool.

I thoroughly agree with M. Yglesias's letter. No one who had studied the poor could possibly have written such an article as "F's."

I have lived amongst the very poorest of a part of South Wales, and have thoroughly studied that class. What is my conclusion? That the people in the slums do not deserve one atom of sympathy or help.

They are thoroughly lazy and do not want work. As long as they can get people to help them they will not work. The women will sit on their front doorsteps all day, dirty, and their children playing about, also eating up with dirt. If one offers them a day's work at washing, cleaning a house, etc., they refuse.

If anyone wants to prove the truth of this statement, let him go and live right amongst the very poor. He will then find out what a truly ungrateful class they are.

A LOVER OF TRUTH.

Severn-road, Weston-super-Mare.

SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE.

I shall be glad if Mr. J. Lambert will tell me where the Bible states the earth to be flat. Although in poetic imagery it speaks of the "pillars of the earth" and so forth, I find reference to its rotundity, and to its suspension in space, in "He sitteth on the circle of the earth." Isaiah xl, 22. "He hangeth the earth upon nothing." Job xxxi, 7.

It is an absolute fact that art and science have been chiefly aided by believers. From the earliest chronicles down to Lord Bacon's time, from thence to Agassiz, and to Professor Owen, the greatest of modern anatomists, this has been the case.

I have seen somewhere (though I do not like the smooth expression) that the believers lay most of the eggs of art and science, whilst the doubters do all the cackling!

C. T. TAYLOR.

CHIVALRY ON THE DOWN GRADE.

I was standing on the corner of a street in Leeds a fortnight ago. On the other corner were two gentlemen in conversation. A lady coming by dropped a key.

One of the gentlemen immediately left his companion, picked up the key, and handed it to the lady. Judge of my surprise when I saw her point with her finger to the ground.

The gentleman thereupon had to place the key on the ground again, that this independent specimen of womankind might pick it up herself.

Stockton-on-Tees. J. H. K.

THE WITHAM RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

In your valuable paper I see that the signalmen are praised for their prompt action in the recent G.E.R. accident. So they ought to be. Likewise the driver of the Felixstowe express, who, I am told, pulled up his train very smartly indeed, and so averted a double catastrophe.

Maryland-park. W. F.

IN MY GARDEN.

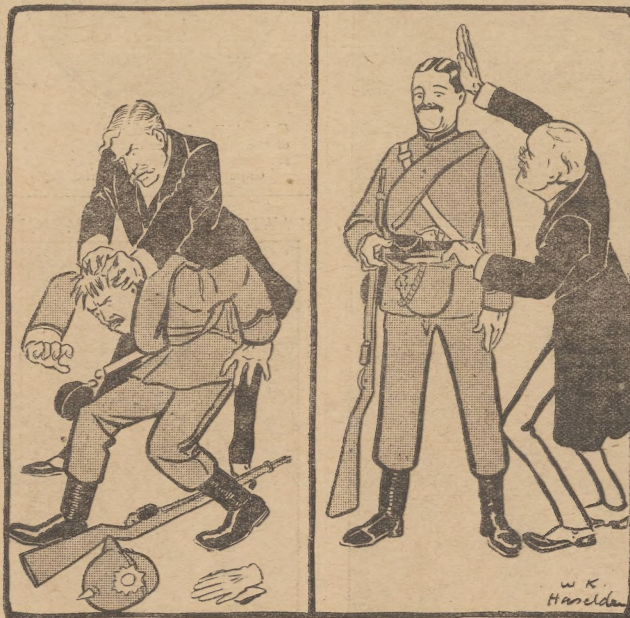
SEPTEMBER 11.—Stormy winds and rains have ruined many roses, but finer weather will waken countless lovely blossoms before winter arrives.

Leaves begin to fall. Let us hope rude gales will not mar the beauty of the fading trees.

The seed-pods of the interesting winter cherry quickly grow ruddy, and must soon be picked for indoor decoration. In wild corners silver begins to scatter its seeds, leaving a haze of honey on the dead stalks.

E. F. T.

TWO WAYS OF TREATING THE VOLUNTEERS.



Mr. Balfour evidently thinks the Volunteers have been too roughly treated by Mr. Arnold-Forster. In his speech on Saturday he smoothed their ruffled hair and told them what splendid fellows they are. But Mr. Arnold-Forster still remains in the Cabinet.

footmen, gardeners, and pageboys, but all the pictures and valuable furniture had been taken out on to the lawn in case the fire proved too strong.

The house-party at Rufford Abbey I spoke of yesterday. But there are several others which are almost equally interesting. At Sandbeck Hall, where King Edward has sometimes stayed, Lord and Lady Scarbrough are entertaining a few friends. Lady Scarbrough is a very attractive woman, and one of those famous in society for the possession of red-gold hair of the precise shade which is described by the name of Titian. The young widow of the late Lord Anglesey has hair of the same colour. Lady Scarbrough has been twice married. She was the widow of a very rich north-countryman, Mr. Ashton, when she married Lord Scarbrough in 1899. It is a great disappointment to them that they have no son to succeed to the title. Lord Scarbrough's brother, Colonel Osbert Lumley, is still the heir presumptive.

One of the most remarkable of the hosts near Doncaster, however, is Sir George Wombwell, who, with Lady Julia Wombwell, has a few people at Newburgh Priory. Sir George is still more energetic than many young men. Yet he was born in 1832, and is actually a survivor of the famous, often celebrated, Balacava charge. It seems incredible as you look at him now walking about London, with his hat at a distinctly military angle, that "Sir George," as his sporting friends call him, can possibly have been one of those who rode "into the valley of death." He was, it is true, only twenty on that famous day of the charge—a mere cornet in the 15th Lancers, but he was promoted

Manor. Lord and Lady Garrook are at Blythe Hall, Lord Lawrance is the guest of Mr. E. Beckett Faber, and Lord Leonfield is staying at Noblethorpe with Mr. and Mrs. J. Fullerton.

Sir Hedworth Williamson, who is one of those bidden to Rufford Abbey, is High Sheriff for Durham, and one of the most amusing men of the day. He was specially invited to Chatsworth a year or so ago when the King and Queen were staying with the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, and he took part in the theatricals there. He is tall and slim, good looking, and very popular.

To-day is Mr. Asquith's fifty-third birthday. May he live long to be one of the pillars of a party sorely in need of support. As a matter of fact, Mr. Asquith enjoys excellent health, and he remarked, in a speech made to an audience largely composed of doctors a few years ago, that he had not spent two consecutive days in bed for the last twenty-five years. The assembled doctors were, therefore, convinced that there was no professional profit to be made out of Mr. Asquith, and he made the point all the more forcible by adding that he had not swallowed more than half-a-dozen bottles of medicine in his life.

Most people nowadays are anxious to be told how to keep well. Observation of Mr. Asquith's case would seem to imply that one of the best recipes for health is a habit of taking amusements in the spirit of a boy. Mr. Asquith is amused, like most lawyers, by what graver people would call trifles. As an instance, let me recall the occasion, quoted by a recent biographer, of an

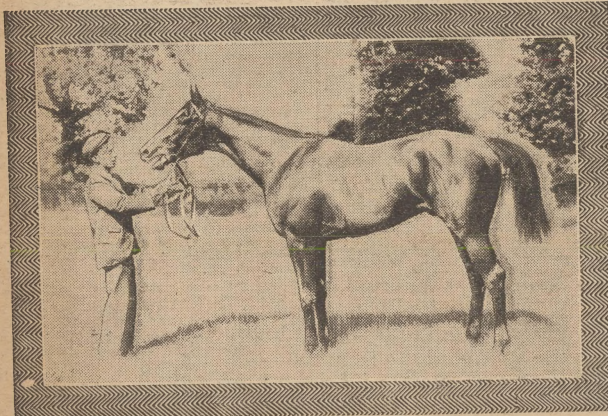
PICTURES OF THE DAYS NEWS

DEER-STALKING SEASON OPENS.



Deer-stalking has commenced, and the king of sports is now in full swing. One of the most successful stalkers is the Prince of Wales, who prefers it to any other sport. His Royal Highness and the Duke of Connaught have just been deer-stalking at Ballochbuie and Glenmuick and made good bags. The photographs, taken at a recent stalk, show: (1) Stalking the quarry; (2) a good day's work.

WEATHER-BOUND RACEHORSE.



Val d'Or, owned by M. Blanc, and the favourite for the St. Leger, has been storm-bound at Boulogne for two days, and in consequence has been withdrawn from the list of starters.

COL. FRANK RHODES.



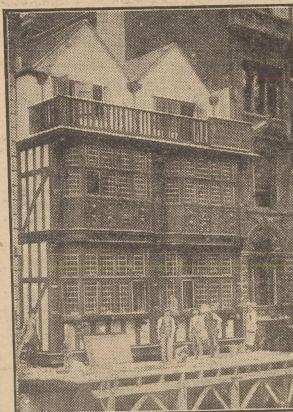
Colonel Frank Rhodes, the brother of the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes, who is seriously ill at Groot's Schur, near Cape Town. —(Elliott and Fry.)

LAWN TENNIS CHAMPION.



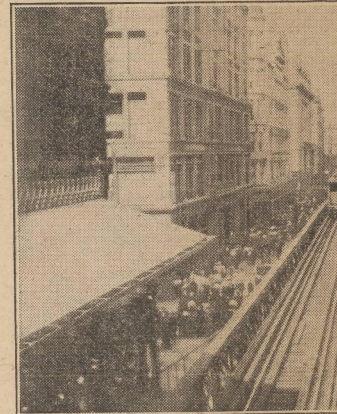
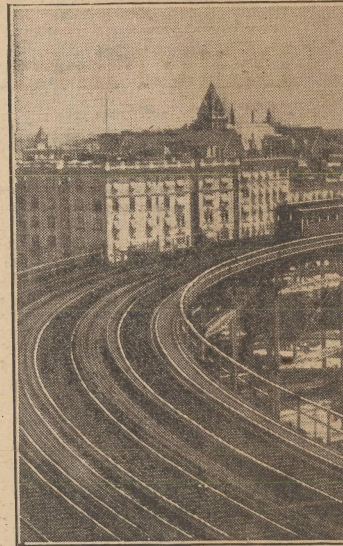
Mr. F. H. Risely, who, with his brother, defeated Messrs. Smith and Casdagli, in the Sussex lawn tennis championships at Hove.

FLEET STREET'S "PALACE."



£28,500 has been spent by the London County Council in restoring the so-called "Palace of Cardinal Wolsey" opposite Chancery-lane.

Fatal Accident on t Railway



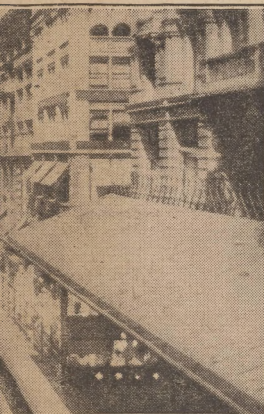
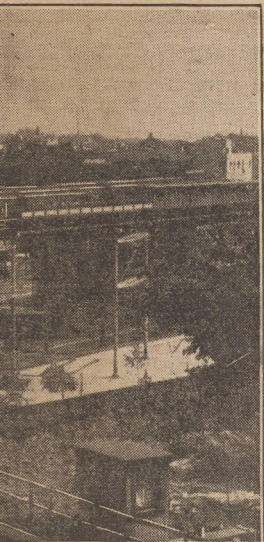
A terrible accident on the New York Elevated people were killed and injured. The first 110th Street. The accident happened further curve. The second photograph is of the shopping districts. The disaster occurred Avenue railroads. —(Und

THE KING LEAVING TO



After two days in town the King left yesterday. The photograph shows the royal motor-car and his Majesty re

York Elevated day.



race yesterday, in which thirty-five
the 9th Avenue elevated railway at
53rd Street, where there is a similar
running through the dry goods and
the junction line joins the 6th and 9th
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CAMERAGRAPHS OF CURRENT EVENTS

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

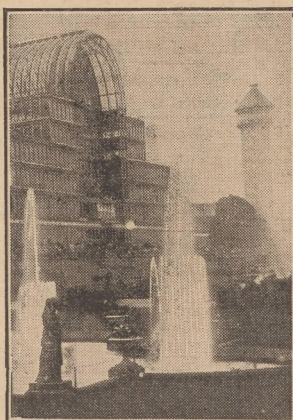


Miss Violet Gibbs, daughter of the
late Mr. James Stephen Gibbs, who is
to be married to-day to—



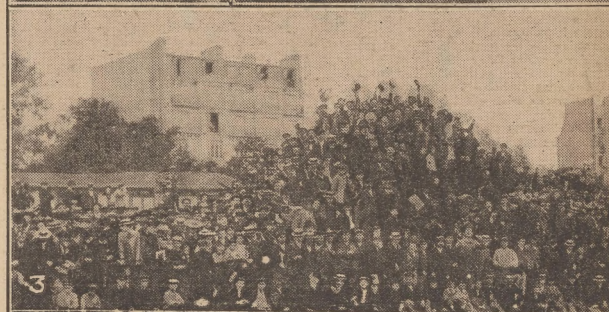
—Mr. L. C. Bearne, Army Service
Corps, son of Colonel Bearne, of
Kingsteignton, Devon, at All Saints,
Aldershot.

"DAILY MIRROR" DAYS AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.



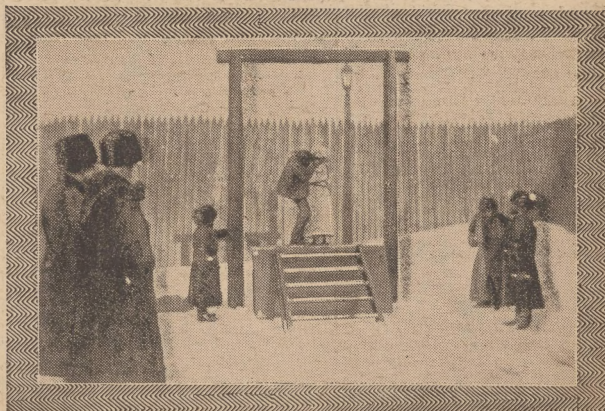
On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday,
September 21, 22, and 23, *Daily
Mirror* readers will be admitted free to
the Crystal Palace.

SWIMMING THROUGH PARIS.



One hundred thousand Parisians, it is estimated, lined the banks of the Seine on
Sunday to witness the great swimming race from one end of Paris to the other. There
were eight competitors, including Miss Kellermann, Billington, Burgess, and Hol-
bein. The result ended in a win for Paulus, the French veteran, who is seen in the
first photograph. The second is of Miss Kellermann, just after she had passed the
winning post, and the third shows something of the crowds on the banks.

A RUSSIAN EXECUTION AT SAGHALIEN.



A remarkable photograph of the execution of a Russian convict on the Island of
Saghalien, now partially owned by the Japanese.

THE MODERN GIRL.

She Defends Herself from the
Reproach of Extravagance.

MALE VANITY DENOUNCED.

It will be seen by the letters below that some "modern girls" have arisen with indignation to the defence of their sex:—

A BACHELOR TAUGHT FASHIONS.

In your issue of to-day you publish a letter from "A Determined Bachelor," and in which it is asserted that "girls of to-day are a mass of silly vanity," etc. Then the writer criticises our dress, and talks about our enormous be-feathered hats, our short skirts, showy blouses, and strings of false beads.

I would reply—(1) That very few girls wear the hats he describes, for they cost a lot of money, and when a girl has to make her money go a long way she wants to get something more useful. Small hats are all the fashion, too, at present.

(2) Her short skirts are surely an advance over the long ones. They are much healthier, for they do not catch the mud, are more comfortable, and not so heavy.

(3) Showy blouses are also out of fashion. If "D. B." has any eyes he will see the majority of girls are now wearing soft collars (he'll learn what they are if he asks a lady friend) on plain neat blouses.

It seems "D. B.'s" letter would have been better about eighteen months ago. So, perhaps, we are improving.

September 7.

NEARLY TWENTY.

WHAT IS A BUSINESS GIRL?

It is evident that "A Few Business Girls" fully recognise the truth contained in the statements made by "Forearmed," and this is proved by the fact that they have limited their reply to a tirade against your correspondent. However, this is quite in keeping with what one might expect of the "modern girl."

By what right do the ladies in question style themselves "business girls," and what do they mean by "business"? We sincerely trust that they do not belong to the army of so-called "lady-clerks," who, instead of following their natural vocation of domestics, are invading man's domain by ineffectively performing the mechanical portion of office work (e.g., shorthand and typewriting), not with a view to attaining any high position in the commercial world, but merely to obtain an increased supply of pocket-money with which to gratify their craving for dressing themselves far above their station in life. These cannot be any stretch of the imagination be considered "business girls."

A FEW BUSINESS MEN.

Fulham House, Putney Bridge, S.W.

EXTRAVAGANCE IN REQUEST.

"Forearmed" is simply a type of the "modern man," and the only feeling I have for him is pity. As for conceit, it is apparent in every line of his letter. I have no doubt he is one of the many men who think every girl of their acquaintance "gets herself up" for their benefit, and is dying to marry them. It seems to me that he wants to be spiteful. Perhaps he has been humiliated by some girl for his conceit. Poor fellow! Let us hope he will find a girl silly enough to marry him.

What seems very strange to me is, that while men are always criticising and picking to pieces woman and her dress, the padded, light-laced, flighty, extravagant woman is more sought after than her quietly, but, nevertheless, well-dressed sister. I do not mean to say that a woman should dress after the style of a nun or a domestic, but there is a medium surely between this and decorating oneself with cheap jewellery, feathers, and dragging frills and furbelows, but the majority of men never seem to see the difference.

M. W.

SMART CLOTHES ADMIRER.

I quite agree with "R. E. P." that most men admire the smart girl, and I should not think that girl a very desirable subject for one's acquaintance who was slovenly as to her personal appearance.

But girls can allow their tastes as to the matter of dress to go too far. I think the call for moderation as to one's mode of living and dressing was never so urgent as the present. We need respectability and not foppishness to be the dominant feature of the life of young England.

Let us not misconstrue a shabby genteel appearance as a true index to a moralised spirit or superfluous adornment a true criterion of personal smartness.

JOHN WESLEY DAVIS.

Ivy Cottage, Ness, Chester.

WHAT ABOUT MEN?

If the average girl pads her hair—which I admit is disgusting—what is the average modern young man but a tailor's model, adorned with a collar, tie, and stick? Brains seem quite dispensable.

Generally one-half of creation is what the other half makes it; and if women have their little faults and vanities, men possess them also.

A LOOKER ON.

ALL THAT A MAN HATH.

By CORALIE STANTON and HEATH HOSKEN.

CHAPTER XXV.

"Before the unknown, the most powerful man on earth is modest."

Despite all the advantages and facilities that a complete disregard of cost can bestow, it was past nine o'clock when Swindover, fretting and fuming, red of face, trembling with a palsy of excitement, flinging a volley of oaths at guard and obsequious stationmaster, fell rather than stepped out of the saloon carriage of the special train on to the platform at Stoke Magnus.

A motor-car was waiting. The millionaire and Adolphus Courcy entered it and were whirled away, continuing the breathless journey.

The castle was brightly illuminated; the great doors were open. In the hall Dick and his father were waiting. There was not a single servant. The young man had cleared them all out.

He had done well. Swindover, his huge bulk swaying as if every moment he must lose his equilibrium, rushed into the house like a tornado.

"Where's my girl?" he shouted, hurrying his great form in his son-in-law's direction, as if it were a battering-ram. "Where's my girl, I say? What does your message mean? What devil's trick have you been up to—you two?" Then followed a string of oaths that made the rafters ring with hideous echoes.

Dick took a step forward and seized him by one arm. Lord Blanquart, erect, soldierly, and grimly pale, followed suit on the other side. They forced him between them across the hall and into the library. They had to exert all their strength, and he called them every foul name in his most extensive and choice vocabulary.

In the library all the lights were turned on. Conspicuous in its eloquent reminder of yesterday was the long, white, velvet-covered table that had held the sumptuous wedding-gifts. The jewels had been removed, but there was still a mass of gold and silver and other costly objects that, in the absence of officers, no one had dared presume to remove.

Dick took the door and looked it. Swindover, with a hoarse gurgling cry, tore his overcoat from him and fumbled at his collar, as if he were about to suffocate.

"My girl!" he cried. "Where is my girl? What have you done with her?"

It was Lord Blanquart who answered him quickly, sternly.

"Mr. Swindover, your daughter has disappeared. At first my son thought that she had, unknown to him, gone out for a walk, or absented herself for a little while for some purpose of her own. When he could no longer reasonably hold this theory he telegraphed to you. She has not returned yet."

"You've done well, and well she has," yelled the millionaire, turning wild eyes on Dick. "You've murdered her! You've got what you wanted, and you've got rid of her! But by Heaven you shan't escape me!" He strode up to the young man with clenched fists. What's this story about her disappearing? It wouldn't deceive a child. It didn't deceive me. You've got to deal with me, Sam Swindover; you've robbed me—you've killed my child—"

He broke off, panting; his great face was a mottled purple; his eyes glared but saw nothing; his fists beat the air. The man was as good as dead.

Lord Blanquart laid a hand on his shoulder with a grip of steel.

"Your anxiety has got the better of you," he said in a low, penetrating voice. "You don't know what you are saying. We will take no notice of it. Listen to me while I tell you the facts. Pull yourself together. It is a very serious matter. We have tried to keep it from the servants, but it has gone beyond concealment. We have sent out a sergeant-major and telephoned for the superintendent of police at Stoke Magnus."

"The police!" cried Swindover, still beside himself with rage. "Yes, let the police come—and I'll denounce you to them—both of you—you're

"TOO MUCH BERNARD SHAW."

So Says Mr. Archer, but Court Theatre Audiences Do Not Agree.

In a pamphlet written for distribution at the reopening of the Court Theatre last night, Mr. William Archer, while speaking very highly of the efforts of the Vedenne-Barker management, complains that in its list of productions there has been an "undue prominence" of Mr. Bernard Shaw.

At the same time, Mr. Archer admits that the Bernard Shaw plays have been much the most successful, so it is a little unreasonable to expect the management not to keep on the pieces which pay best.

There was certainly no feeling but one of welcome when "John Bull's Other Island" was revived last night. It is quite the most amusing piece to be seen in London, full of fun from beginning to end, and the performance is quite as good as before.

"The Catch of the Season" at the Vaudeville has now run for a year, and despite the absence of Mr. Seymour Hicks and Miss Elaline Terriss, is still drawing well. A good many new features have just been added to this light comedy of song and dance.

both in it, I know. It's a plot to get your own back and my good money into the bargain, and then get rid of the girl." He began to laugh wildly. "A fine plot, but not good enough for Sam Swindover, my fine gentlemen. She disappeared, did she? How, I'd like to know. How do people disappear all of a sudden in broad daylight from a house like this?"

Lord Blanquart tightened his grip on the great stooping shoulders.

"I will pass over all your references to my son and myself," he said peremptorily. "Listen to me. You must know the facts. Your daughter, when she went to her rooms last night, gave strict orders that she was not to be disturbed. They were obeyed. But, as the morning wore on, and she gave no sign, not only my son, but her own attendants grew anxious. At two o'clock Dick went up to inquire after her. He met her maid, who told him that, fearing something must be the matter, she had just entered her mistress's bedroom, the door of which was not locked, and found the room empty and the bed undisturbed, and the bedroom and adjoining dressing-room in the wildest disorder."

A spasm of fury, if possible more insane than ever, convulsed the millionaire's face.

"And where was her husband all that time?" he cried thickly. "And what was she doing all alone in her own apartments on her wedding night? What sort of a story is this you're telling me? You must be bigger fools even than I took you for, if you expect me to believe it."

"These are matters that are not for you or me," said the old peer gravely.

"Ain't they?" cried the millionaire. "You may think they ain't, but I say they are. What did I give him his rotten old castle back for, and pour my hard-earned money into his hands like water—so that he might live at one end of the house and spy at the other, so that they might meet at meals, with a lot of flunkies looking on, and every now and then ask each other the time of day? What do you suppose I've put new life into your family for—fun? Just for a kind of a lark? No—my lord—to see my daughter's son master here—that's what I've done it for. And now—"

He broke off, spluttering, breathless. He looked as if he were going to hurt himself bodily on Dick and close with him in furious combat. He reminded the two men of a great bull, maddened and blinded, charging with lowered head and filling the air with its bellowing, as with the very sound incarnate of the lust for blood.

But, suddenly, the furious excitement under which he laboured overcame him, and he dropped back with a great thud into a chair, and lay like a log, moaning and muttering inarticulately.

When he recovered somewhat, Lord Blanquart, with a look of infinite disgust on his face, again took up his story.

"Mr. Swindover," he asked, "do you wish to hear the details of your daughter's disappearance? Swindover solemnly mopped his damp forehead. "I don't believe a word you say," he muttered, "but you may as well tell me this story you've concocted."

"I am going to call the servants in to give their evidence," said Dick, speaking for the first time in sternly dignified tones. "Kindly control yourself. I suppose," he added impatiently, "you don't want a scandal spread all over the county. Personally, I still adhere to my original opinion that your daughter had some business of a private nature to transact, and set about it in this way, and I believe that she will return in due course."

"I wish I could share that conviction," but in Lord Blanquart, speaking to his son and ignoring the millionaire. "But that wouldn't account for the jewels."

"What jewels?" cried Swindover.

"There are several of your daughter's most valuable pieces of jewellery missing," said Dick.

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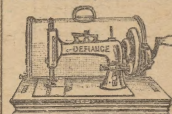
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Interesting Paragraphs Concerning
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HOT WEATHER CRIME.

Dwellers in a Palace.

Until fire broke out in Lord Oxmantown's apartments in St. James's Palace on Sunday night few people knew that Lord Oxmantown lived there or had any idea who lived in what is really the King's official residence. The "Post Office Directory" shows that among the many Court officials who have rooms in the Palace are Mr. Redford, the censor of plays; Sir Robert Kingscott, the Paymaster to the Household; Lord Knollys, Sir Arthur Bigge, Sir Fleetwood Edwards, and all sorts of people from the Lord Chamberlain to the Resident Messenger.

Unpatriotic Trainers.

Berkshire and part of Buckinghamshire are now overrun with the cavalrymen who are to take part during the next three weeks in military manoeuvres more extensive than any held for a long time past. The ground is practically the same as that used in 1894, but the present exercises, which will be conducted in the light of experiences in the Boer war, will be on a larger scale. The value of the manoeuvres is likely to be lessened by the attitude of certain racing men, who have refused to allow the troops to cross many of the "training gallops" with which Berkshire abounds.

Australians Make Money.

The Australians' present tour, the last match of which is now being played, has been one of the most profitable ever arranged for a Colonial team. Although a member of an Australian team visiting England only reckons to take home £800 as his share of the gate-money after all expenses have been paid, the members of the present team, if the receipts were equally shared, would each return with at least £1200. The sharing this time, however, will be arranged on an equal basis, for some of the "stars" are to receive twice as much as the lesser-known members of the team.

Mystery of the Clouds.

M. Faure's mysterious descent from the clouds after entering his balloon at the Crystal Palace recalls the strange disappearance of Mr. Powell, M.P., who, with two friends, ascended in a War Office balloon from a South of England town twenty-three years ago. The balloon went wrong in mid-air and fell at Weymouth. Two of the three occupants climbed out unhurt, but before Mr. Powell could follow them the balloon ascended again. The unfortunate M.P. was carried into the sky, and from that day to this nothing has been seen either of him or the balloon.

"Earthquake" Houses.

It will probably be found that the terrible mortality caused by the earthquake in Italy is partly due to the faulty construction of the public and private buildings erected on the scene of the disturbance. Professor Omori, the Japanese seismologist, who has been inspecting the scene of the disastrous earthquake in Northern India, says that if the houses had been more sensibly constructed the death-rate would have been infinitely lower. "Our houses in Japan are built with a view to resisting earthquake shocks," he adds. "That is why Japan, the land of earthquakes, seldom suffers severely."

Where Earthquakes Are Common.

Although earthquakes so disastrous as that reported from Italy are fortunately of rare occurrence, smaller ones are ridiculously frequent in some parts of the world. It is reported, indeed, that a European who was living in Tokio, and who was having breakfast, was shaken off his chair three times during the meal. When the fourth earthquake jerked him back on his seat he was so used to experiences of the kind that he went on eating calmly. There is an earthquake somewhere in the world every half-hour. The existence of the moon is said to be due to a disastrous earthquake which flung from the earth a huge portion of the substance of which it was formed.

Heat and Crime.

Like those prepared for most September sessions, the criminal calendar awaiting consideration at the Old Bailey to-day is much heavier than is the case in an average month. This is not only because of the fact that the Court does not sit in August, but because the connection between heat and crime is a very close one. The hot months of the year are always more busy for committing magistrates than the cool ones. Murders and attempts upon life are very frequent during the heat of summer, chiefly, it is believed, because of the increased liability to mental disorders. Jurymen who grumble, then, when they hear to-day that 100 prisoners are awaiting trial at the Old Bailey, must blame the weather.

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THE COSY RUFFLE AND THE FLUTTERING VEIL—WHICH WILL PREVAIL IN FASHION?

RUFFLES AND VEILS.

DUEL BETWEEN TWO CHARMING DRESS ACCESSORIES.

Now that the weather is again quite chilly, boas are more than ever necessary, and though the lovely Pierrot neck ruffle of tulle net or chiffon, which has been worn so much during the hot weather, is not yet discarded, feather and fur boas are again in request.

The new boas are preferably made of white ostrich feather, though when worn with dresses of harmonious colourings boas of grey, pale mauve, or deep rose ostrich are elegant. Less costly than white ostrich, but also very dainty, are boas and stoles of white marabout, either plain or decorated in many new and charming ways. A pretty model of this kind is marked at close intervals through the centre with little ropes of thick cream-coloured chenille; a scarf of white tulle is twisted in and out among the ropes, and the stole is finished with a series of tails.

Between the ostrich boa and the marabout one there is variety to be obtained by mixing the two materials. A new boa is composed of marabout and ostrich combined in lovely shades of nut-brown, and another is carried out in shades of yellow brighter than banana and less vivid than saffron. There is also a mixture of black and white marabout that is modish, but stoles of white marabout studded at intervals with large tufts of black being decidedly in vogue.

Flat Stoles in Vogue.

The mixing of feathers is prevalent, and boas of cocks' feathers and ostrich, of mixed marabout and cocks' feathers, and others of curly white feathers which look something between ostrich, cocks' feathers, and marabout, are all to be seen. Perhaps the prettiest mixture of feathers is achieved in the case of long, thick boas of pale blue, pink, brown, or mauve ostrich mixed with white feathers like cocks' plumage or marabout. Very pretty, too, are the white cocks' boas to which are attached black velvet pastilles. Of course the coloured boa must exactly match the dress worn with it, or must contrast in a way that is agreeable. A white serge toilette looks well accompanied by a scarlet hat and an ostrich feather boa to match.

Fur boas are bought almost as eagerly as those of feathers, though naturally a little longer time must elapse before they become really all important. White fox is much in evidence, and is especially popular as an autumn fur. Flat stoles of mink or sable lined with white satin are seen now upon chilly evenings, and quite short ermine ties are very smart.

It is quite certain that the veil at its longest and the neck ruffle do not agree, and that when from the hat depends a handsome veil a Pierrot ruffle is not required, and, indeed, is not even wearable.

Never has there been a season when that frivolous object, the veil, claimed greater prominence. Curtain veils drooping from the brims of hats; veils flung back over the tops of hats, softening the trimmings, and falling in scarf draperies; voluminous veils completely covering the hats; all these are everyday objects. Many of the new veils are extravagantly costly, because they are made of exquisite lace.

IN NURSERY LAND.

AMUSING WALL COVERINGS AND HYGIENIC FLOORS.

The first important matters to be considered when arranging a nursery are, of course, sun and air, which should be forthcoming in quantities. Then arrives the question of furniture and decoration. A pretty idea for a nursery-wall is a cover-

ing of stout natural-coloured canvas, secured with light strips of wood, painted green, which will form a kind of panelling, and give an effect of expanse to the wall surface.

This wall treatment should be carried up to within about two or three feet of the ceiling, where it should be finished with a shelf of green wood, useful for holding, besides pieces of decorative china, spare toys and books. The space between the shelf and the ceiling may be decorated with a frieze. The floor should be spread with a green cork covering, than which there is nothing

better or more hygienic for nursery use, and in winter this may be surmounted by a thick green rug.

All furniture in an ideal nursery has the corners rounded off instead of square, and the handles on the cupboards and drawers are sunk in hollow circles, thus obviating "the risk of little heads coming into dangerous contact with sharp corners and protruding knobs."

A useful piece of furniture is a dresser or cupboard with shelves and hooks for the plates and cups and saucers necessary for the children's use,

with two spacious compartments and a roomy drawer in the lower part.

Among friezes and other decorations for the nursery there are many patterns from which a choice may be made. The Kate Greenway children have returned, and nothing could be more attractive than a frieze of these short-waisted little girls and their attendant squires wearing absurdly long trousers. Children who love fairy tales may see them daily carried out in brightly-coloured wall-papers.

The chintz draperies specially made for children's rooms are quite as attractive as the papers and friezes. The Kate Greenway figures appear on these, too, and there are also funny little Dutch girls and boys in red dresses and green trousers skipping about on a green background with a yellow windmill in the distance.

Special furniture is, of course, made for the nursery. There are quaint little chairs and tables; the chairs with rush seats and on the backs appropriate little moose borne in the wood and then outlined with red and white, and the tables with their tiny drawers are perfect miniatures of those used in the rooms of grown-up people.

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ALL THAT A MAN HATH.

(Continued from page 10.)

"Why didn't you tell me that before?" roared the millionaire.

"You gave me no chance to say anything," replied the young man contemptuously. "You were so taken up with your accusations of murder. Please do not waste any more time now by denouncing me as a thief. Julie, your daughter's maid, who discovered that her mistress was missing, also discovered that the jewel-safe in her bedroom was open. I told her to examine the cases, and she will tell you better than I can what articles are missing. She has investigated in the widest theories of burglars hidden in the house, and fears that her mistress was attacked and robbed and then spirited away. That, of course," added the young man calmly, "is absurd. But there are other things missing—clothes, a dressing-case, and it is because I wish you to hear all this in detail that I will call Julie, and also Minna, the German woman, your daughter's confidential attendant, who, I am told,

would be more likely to be able to account for her mistress's movements than anybody else. I will ask you not to interrupt and to be as sparing of your accusations as you can."

Then followed a recapitulation, in the presence of Fay's father, of all that could be ascertained about the girl's disappearance.

It was so very little, as became apparent, when Julie, now hovering on the borderland of hysteria, came in and told how she had found her mistress's rooms empty and disordered, and certain of her mistress's personal effects missing. Swindover's ferocious mien alarmed her, and nothing would persuade her to repeat her conviction that her mistress had been robbed, murdered, and done away with.

The elderly Bavarian woman, Minna, was next called. She slept in a room right opposite Fay's bedroom, but she testified, with wooden stolidity, that she had heard no sound of disturbance during the night, and added, in her faulty but fluent English, that, although she enjoyed her mistress's confidence, she knew of no circumstance that could have led her to behave in such a mysteriously incomprehensible manner as to voluntarily disappear from her home on her wedding-night.

The extreme unlikelihood of such a proceeding was felt by all. Even Dick, who had good reason to be aware of the girl's eccentricity and absolute disregard of convention, told himself that her good

taste and the consideration that she had always shown him would have prevented her from taking such a step. It was, so far, a hopeless mystery, and there was something vaguely alarming in the thought that a human being could be thus spirited away without leaving any trace behind.

Just after Minna had pronounced herself utterly incapable of furnishing any clue to the mystery there was a knock at the door.

Dick opened it, and was told that the superintendent of police from Stoke Magnus had arrived. He was just going out to meet him when there was a still further commotion in the hall, and one of the footmen who had been sent out with the search-party forced his way through a group of servants into his master's presence. In his hand he held a small, dark object.

"We found this, sir," he said. Dick took it from him. It was a woman's shoe, elegant, high-heeled, with one strap and button. The latter was missing. The shoe was caked with mud and the soft leather was much scratched and torn.

"Where did you find this?" asked Dick. He had grown pale; the thing seemed so pathetic, so sinister, as he held it in his hand.

"Just inside the copse by the road, sir, where the avenue branches off down the hill."

(To be continued.)

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"LORD HYDE PARK."

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Moscow, Monday.—An English swindler named Stopford, who has for years been in and out of the hands of the Russian police, and has now just been sentenced to three years' imprisonment, may claim, the honour of having added another word to the Russian language. This word is "Stopford," which means "ha." "Stopford" also signifies "thief," "swindler," or a "drunken devil-may-care."

This Anglo-Russian adventurer has, under the aliases of Colonel Carnegie, Captain Robinson Crusoe, the Marquis Robinson, and Lord Hyde Park, imposed upon innumerable simple Russians—chiefly of the small shopkeeping class—in half a score of different Government towns.

Recently Stopford, under the alias of Marquis Robinson, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for obtaining money on the pretence that he was an English war correspondent just returned from the front.

Stopford actually gave lectures on his exploits at Port Arthur where, according to his own account, he was wounded and captured and the Japanese Admiral Togo gave him his liberty, he declared, on condition that he swam ashore from the flagship, a distance of nearly seven miles.

Rode Ashore on a Torpedo.

Having covered half the journey, he was overtaken by a torpedo, treacherously launched by the Japanese commander, but the doughty lecturer explained that he had mounted astride it and guided it, like a horse, in triumph to Port Arthur.

Under the title of Marquis Robinson, Stopford last month bought a house in the Pokrovka at Nijni-Novgorod, and by means of the same (to Russians) high-sounding title, he obtained a magnificent motor-car, which ultimately led to his being convicted. Motoring across the Alexander-Neviski Bridge, he collided with an electric tram-car, and dangerously hurt two policemen.

Stopford had had too much vodka, and when searched a large number of stolen bonds, as well as a pocket-book containing visiting cards, printed with the names of his various aliases, were found upon him.

WOMAN IN WHITE.

Hardy Adventurer Finds Himself in the Embrace of a Spectre.

A thrilling ghost story is told by the Moscow "Listok."

MM. Shalypin, Korovin, and Sieroff, gentlemen of position, were staying on the estate of a friend, and remarked an ancient tumulus, said by the peasants to be haunted by unclean spirits.

MM. Shalypin and Korovin decided to visit the tumulus. They reached it about midnight, and saw mystic lights burning brightly in the night, but shedding scarcely any light around. Suddenly on the top of the tumulus there appeared a white cloud, gradually taking the form of a woman. Their nerves gave way and they fled panic-stricken.

Next day M. Shalypin, laughing at his previous night's fright, decided at all costs to investigate the mysterious apparition. Other guests known to the Moscow "Listok" joined him, making a party of seven.

Once more they saw the mystic lights dancing about the tumulus, while on the top there appeared the form of a white woman, glowing with dazzling brightness.

With a menacing air the apparition descended from the mound and advanced upon the daring investigators. They all shrank back in terror save one.

M. Shalypin seemed possessed by a sudden frenzy, for he rushed forward into the arms of the terrifying spectre. Then he collapsed and fell senseless to the ground.

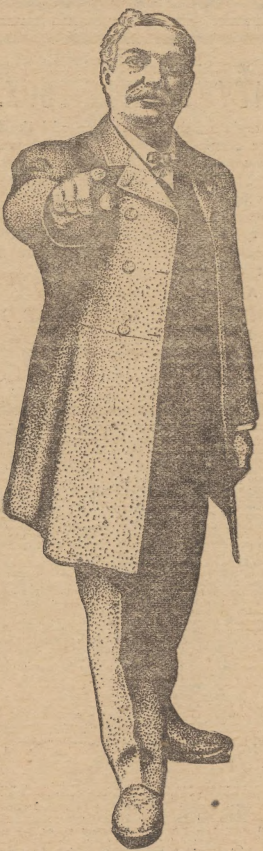
At that moment the figure became transparent, and then invisible. At the same instant the mystic lights were extinguished, leaving the terrified sightseers in the darkness with the inanimate form of their adventurous friend.

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